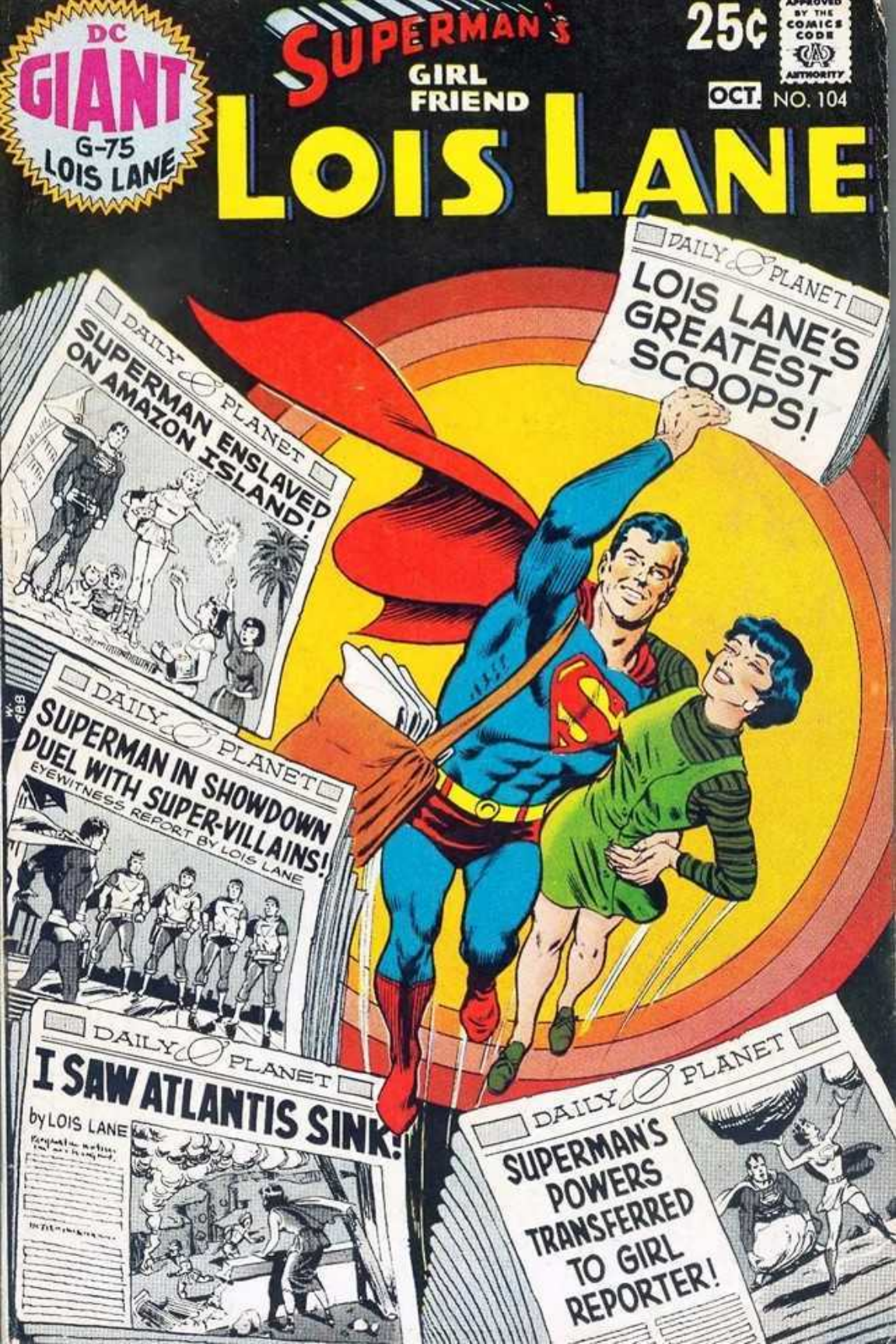
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THE SUPER-PRISONER OF AMAZON ISLAND
THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD SOON! I--I WONDER WHICH GIRL WILL BID THE HIGHEST TO OWN ME AS A SLAVE
MY JEWELS WILL BUY THAT SUPER-SLAVE!
I'LL BID ALL THIS GOLD!
I'LL BID $100,000!
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IN METROPOLIS ONE DAY, AN IMPORTANT DATE COMES UP FOR LOIS LANE, STAR REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET...
TODAY IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPER-SORORITY... A CLUB FORMED BY GIRLS IN HONOR OF SUPERMAN! I'M THE CHAIRMAN!
LATER, AT THE DOCKS...
ONE OF THE GIRLS INVITED US TO HOLD THE MEETING IN THIS CABIN CRUISER SHE OWNS!
COME ABOARD, LOIS! THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE HERE! I'LL TAKE YOU ALL ON A WEEK-END CRUISE WHEN THE MEETING IS OVER!
PRESENTLY, THE MEETING STARTS...
WE GIRLS OF THE SUPER SORORITY HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON; WE WERE ALL SAVED BY SUPERMAN! TAKING ROLL CALL, THERE'S DR. EDNA BLAINE, SCIENTIST... WHO WAS RESCUED WHEN HER LAB BURNED DOWN! AND JULIA JOHNS, ANIMAL TRAINER, WAS SAVED FROM THE FANGS OF A TIGER!
SUPERMAN ALSO SAVED SONYA SOPHIA, OPERA SINGER, WHEN THE STAGE COLLAPSED UNDER HER! AS FOR ME... WELL, THE MAN OF STEEL HAS SAVED ME SCORES OF TIMES WHEN I WAS ON DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENTS!
OUR CLUB IS SMALL, BUT GROWING! EACH MEETING WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER! THIS TIME IT'S BETTY DUNN, SWIMMING CHAMP, AND OWNER OF THIS LAUNCH, WHO WILL TELL HER STORY!
WELL, LAST MONTH I WAS MAKING A LONG-DISTANCE PRACTICE SWIM ALONG THE COAST...
"...WHEN SUDDENLY, DANGER FACED ME!"
HEAVENS! A HUGE SHARK COMING FOR ME... HELP!
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"AS I FOUND OUT LATER, SUPERMAN WAS ON PATROL FAR AWAY WHEN HIS TELESCOPIC VISION SPOTTED ME..."
QUICKEST WAY TO HELP THAT GIRL SWIMMER IS BY USING THIS RUSTY ANCHOR, DISCARDED CABLE, AND BROKEN MAST!
HELP!

NOW TO DO A LITTLE LONG DISTANCE FISHING!

"MIRACULOUSLY, I WAS SAVED BY THIS SUPER-CAST!"
GOODNESS! ONLY SUPERMAN COULD BE "FISHING" LIKE THAT FROM OUT OF SIGHT!

WHEN THE AQUATIC STAR FINISHES HER THRILLING TALE, THE SUPER-SORORITY CLOSES WITH ITS FERVENT MOTTO...
TO SUPERMAN, OUR HERO!
NOW FOR OUR CRUISE, GIRLS! WE'LL SAIL SOUTH TO A WARMER CLIMATE!

BUT SUDDENLY, THE NEXT DAY...
A SQUALL! IT'S DRIVING US TOWARD THE SHORE ON AN ISLAND! RADIO FOR HELP!

WATER WASHED IN AND SHORT-CIRCUITED THE RADIO! WE-- WE CAN'T SEND OUT AN S.O.S.!
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LATER, AS THE STORM PASSES ON AFTER WASHING THEM ASHORE...
WE'RE MAROONED HERE, GIRLS! AND GOODNESS!... THIS IS AN UNKNOWN ISLAND, NOT EVEN CHARTED! CAN YOU FIX THE RADIO, EDNA?
IF I CAN'T, I'M NO GIRL SCIENTIST!

PRESENTLY...
S.O.S.! CALLING SUPERMAN... S.O.S.... S.O.S....
SHE GOT THE RADIO WORKING! WELL, IT... ER... LOOKS AS IF THE WHOLE SUPER-SORORITY IS GOING TO BE SAVED BY SUPERMAN... AGAIN!

BUT MEANWHILE, NATIVES OF THE ISLAND COME UPON THE CASTAWAY GIRLS...
LOOK... NATIVES LIVE HERE... BUT THEY'RE ALL GIRLS! GOODNESS! THEY LOOK LIKE THE LEGENDARY AMAZONS!
YES, I AM ELSHA, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS!

YOU ARE THE FIRST VISITORS IN MANY MOONS TO THE LAND WITHOUT MEN!
YOU MEAN YOU KEEP MEN OUT? WHY?

BAH! WE DESPISE MEN! THEY ARE ALL WEAKLINGS COMPARED TO US! NO PUNY MAN IS AS STRONG AS I AM!
OH, SISTER! ARE YOU GOING TO EAT YOUR WORDS WHEN SUPERMAN COMES!

AND WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL ARRIVES...
MAY I PRESENT SUPERMAN, QUEEN ELSHA? HE CAME THOUSANDS OF MILES IN A FEW SECONDS!
GREAT PALMS! HE-- HE FLIES LIKE AN EAGLE! WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS?

THE QUEEN OF THE POWERFUL AMAZONS SOON FINDS OUT!
I'LL HEAVE YOUR BOAT BACK IN THE WATER AND REPAIR ANY DAMAGES!
HE--HE LIFTED IT AS IF IT WERE A FEATHER! WHY, HE MUST BE THE MIGHTIEST MAN IN THE WORLD!
AND ANOTHER THOUGHT STEALS INTO THE QUEEN'S MIND!
HE BENDS STEEL AS IF IT WERE MERE RUBBER! AT LAST I HAVE DISCOVERED A MAN WORTHY TO BE MY HUSBAND. I MUST NOT LET HIM LEAVE! AH, I WILL INVOKE OUR TRIBAL LAW...
WHEN THE REPAIRS ARE DONE...
WAIT, YOU CANNOT DEPART! AMAZON LAW DECREES THAT ANY MAN WHO TRESPASSES ON OUR ISLAND MUST BECOME A SLAVE! MY GIRL GUARDS ARE BRINGING CHAINS!
NO CHAINS CAN HOLD ME... HA, HA!
BUT LOIS YELLS A WARNING AS THE CHAINS ARE BROUGHT...
THAT METAL HAS A GREENISH GLOW! GOODNESS... THE CHAINS WERE MADE FROM A KRYPTONITE METEOR THEY FOUND! LOOK OUT, SUPERMAN!
READY TO FLEE, SUPERMAN PAUSES AT AN AMAZING PHENOMENON!
WAIT... WHENEVER KRYPTONITE IS BROUGHT CLOSE TO ME, IT ROBS ME OF MY SUPER-STRENGTH... BUT THIS TIME THE KRYPTONITE HAS NO EFFECT ON ME AT ALL!
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HOW CAN SUPERMAN SUDDENLY BE IMMUNE TO THE DEADLY SUBSTANCE...
GREAT SCOTT! THAT MEANS THERE IS SOME KRYPTONITE ANTIDOTE ON THIS ISLAND! I MUST STAY AND FIND IT! I'LL PRETEND WEAKNESS AND LET THE QUEEN TAKE ME PRISONER!
SOON, AT THEIR VILLAGE, FOLLOWING TRIBAL LAW...
THE AUCTION OF THE SUPER-SLAVE IS NOW OPEN! I OFFER ALL MY ROYAL GOLD!
SHE WON'T GET HIM THAT CHEAP!
LOIS LANE ENTERS THE BIDDING...
I BID $200,000... WHICH SUPERMAN'S MANY FRIENDS BACK IN AMERICA WILL GLADLY PAY FOR HIS RELEASE!
HUSSY! THEN I WILL ADD ALL MY ROYAL JEWELRY TO MY ORIGINAL BID!
HMM...THESE TRINKETS AREN'T WORTH MORE THAN $500,000! I BID ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR SUPERMAN! BEAT THAT IF YOU CAN, QUEENIE!
I-- I CANNOT!
CUNNINGLY, THE QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS CHANGES TACTICS!
I WILL WIN SUPERMAN ANOTHER WAY!
THEN SUPERMAN GOES FREE?
BEHOLD! SLAVERY IS CRUEL! I WILL TEAR UP THE WRITTEN LAW AND END ALL SLAVE AUCTIONS!
NO! ANOTHER AMAZON LAW MUST BE FULFILLED NOW! HEAR THIS: SHOULD A MAN BE CAUGHT TRESPASSING ON AMAZON ISLAND, HE MUST MARRY THE FIRST MEMBER OF OUR TRIBE WHO GIVES HIM A TASK HE IS UNABLE TO PERFORM!
(ULPS!) I'M GETTING IN DEEPER ALL THE TIME!
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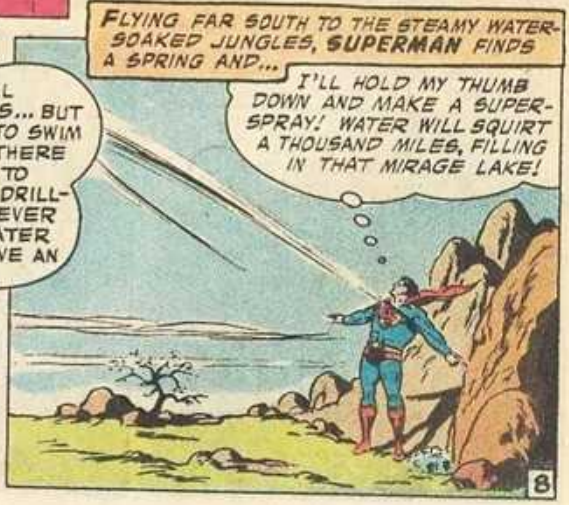
LOOSE THE CHAINS! BUT REMEMBER, SUPERMAN... I CAN HOLD YOUR FRIENDS AS HOSTAGES IF YOU JUST FLY AWAY AND ESCAPE!
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE... NOT TILL I FIND OUT WHY I'M IMMUNE TO KRYPTONITE ON THIS ISLAND! IT WILL BE THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF MY LIFE!
NOW WE WILL DRAW LOTS TO SEE WHO HAS THE FIRST CHANCE TO WIN SUPERMAN IN MATRIMONY!
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES THAT I CAN FULFILL ANY TASKS THE GIRLS THINK UP AND AVOID THE... ER... PENALTY!
DR. BLAINE, THE SCIENTIST, IS FIRST! WHAT TASK DO YOU WANT SUPERMAN TO PERFORM?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A NEW COMET NAMED AFTER ME! I ORDER SUPERMAN TO FIND ME ONE!
I'LL SEARCH SPACE! SOUNDS EASY!
EASY? BUT I CHECKED RECENTLY WITH A POWERFUL TELESCOPE AT MY LAB... THERE'S NO NEW COMET WITHIN RANGE! IF HE FAILS, I'LL BECOME MRS. SUPERMAN!
AND AFTER SUPERMAN SEARCHES BILLIONS OF MILES IN SPACE...
NOT A COMET IN SIGHT! WILL I HAVE TO MARRY THAT GIRL SCIENTIST?... (GULP!)
WAIT... IF I CAN'T FIND A COMET, I'LL MAKE ONE! I'LL USE THESE METEORS TO FORM A LARGE COMET'S HEAD!

CREATING THE LONG BRILLIANT TAIL OF A COMET IS ALSO CHILD'S PLAY FOR THE MAN OF STEEL...
MY HEAT VISION TURNED IT RED-HOT, CAUSING HOT SPARKS TO STREAM OUT BEHIND FOR MILLIONS OF MILES!

BACK AT AMAZON ISLAND...
THERE YOU ARE, M'AM... COMET BLAINE--1958!
IT'S A--A GREAT HONOR...BUT I'D RATHER HAVE MARRIED SUPERMAN! (SIGH!)

BUT THE SECOND GIRL, THE SWIMMING CHAMP, HAS HAD TIME TO THINK UP AN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TASK!
I ORDER SUPERMAN TO FLY TO THE SAHARA DESERT AND COME BACK DRIPPING WET FROM A SWIM IN A MIRAGE LAKE!
GREAT SCOTT! HOW CAN I GET WET IN A MIRAGE LAKE... WHICH IS ONLY AN ILLUSION?

AT THE BONE-DRY SAHARA...
THIS IS A TYPICAL MIRAGE OF AN OASIS... BUT NO REAL WATER TO SWIM IN, OF COURSE! THERE ARE NO CLOUDS TO MAKE RAIN! AND DRILLING WELLS HAS NEVER YET PRODUCED WATER HERE! HMM... I HAVE AN IDEA!


FLYING FAR SOUTH TO THE STEAMY WATER-SOAKED JUNGLES, SUPERMAN FINDS A SPRING AND...
I'LL HOLD MY THUMB DOWN AND MAKE A SUPER-SPRAY! WATER WILL SQUIRT A THOUSAND MILES, FILLING IN THAT MIRAGE LAKE!

SHORTLY, RETURNING TO THE MIRAGE...
MY SUPER-SPRAY FORMED A REAL LAKE IN THE OASIS MIRAGE! NOW I CAN RETURN DRIPPING WET, AS BETTY DUNN REQUESTED!
AT AMAZON ISLAND, QUEEN ELSHA GLOATS AS THE OTHER GIRLS MEET DISAPPOINTMENT, ONE BY ONE...
I LOST OUT BEING SUPERMAN'S WIFE... (CHOKE!)
HA! THEY'LL ALL LOSE! BUT I HAVE A TASK THAT WILL BE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF EVEN HIS SUPER-POWERS! MY TURN IS LAST... BUT I'LL WIN FOR SURE!
MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN CONTINUES TO STAY FOR HIS OWN SECRET REASONS...
AFTER I FULFILL THIS AMAZON LAW, I CAN SEARCH FOR THE KRYPTONITE ANTIDOTE! OH-OH! IT'S LOIS LANE'S TURN NOW! SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO MARRY ME! WHATEVER SHE COOKED UP IS GOING TO BE SUPER TOUGH!
BUT AMAZINGLY...
I--I WOULDN'T WANT TO WIN YOU LIKE A COMMON "LOTTERY PRIZE," SUPERMAN! JUST USE YOUR X-RAY VISION AND TELL ME WHAT IS BEHIND THIS ROCK!
LOIS PICKED THE EASIEST TASK SHE COULD THINK OF!
BUT AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT...
OMIGOSH! THAT STONE HAPPENS TO BE LEAD ORE, WHICH STOPS MY X-RAYS! I--I CAN'T SEE A THING BEHIND IT! I... UH... GUESS YOU WIN, LOIS!
NO... NO! I JUST WON'T HAVE YOU THIS WAY!
WAIT... I HAVE IT! I'LL PULL OUT THE FLOWER, MAKING SUPERMAN RIGHT. NOW THERE'S NOT A THING BEHIND THE ROCK, JUST AS HE SAID!
GOSH, IT'S SWEET OF LOIS TO "COVER" ME, THAT WAY. BUT SHE GAVE UP HER ONLY CHANCE TO MARRY ME!
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MY TASK IS FULFILLED! I HOPE TO MARRY SUPERMAN SOME DAY... WHEN HE WANTS ME...(SOB!)
MY TURN, AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE "NOBLE" LIKE LOIS! I'LL WIN YOU IF I CAN, SUPERMAN! I ORDER YOU TO FIND FOUR WILD LIONS AND TAME THEM... BUT WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM!
AFTER A SWIFT FLIGHT TO NEARBY JUNGLES...
I FOUND FOUR FEROCIOUS LIONS, ALL RIGHT, NOW TO BRING THEM DOWN TO EARTH INSIDE THE AMAZON ARENA!
SHAKING OFF THE WILD BEASTS, SUPERMAN FACES HIS SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE TASK!
LET'S SEE YOU TAME THEM NOW, SUPERMAN! BUT REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH THEM! HA, HA!
HMM... ONLY ONE POSSIBILITY!
IF I WHIRL AROUND AT SUPER-SPEED, THE LIONS WILL GET DIZZY WATCHING ME SPIN!
MOMENTS LATER...
IF A LION DOESN'T SNAP AT YOU, HE'S "TAME"... CORRECT?
YOU WIN, SUPERMAN! I'M DISQUALIFIED!
NEXT CONTESTANT IN THE "SUPERMAN SWEEPSTAKES" IS SONYA SOPHIA, THE OPERA SINGER...
I ORDER YOU TO MAKE MY VOICE IMMORTAL, SUPERMAN! I WANT PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO HEAR ME SING AN ARIA--NOT A RECORDING OF IT--BEYOND MY LIFETIME!
HMM... SHE MAY THINK SHE'S STUMPED ME, BUT I HAVE AN IDEA!
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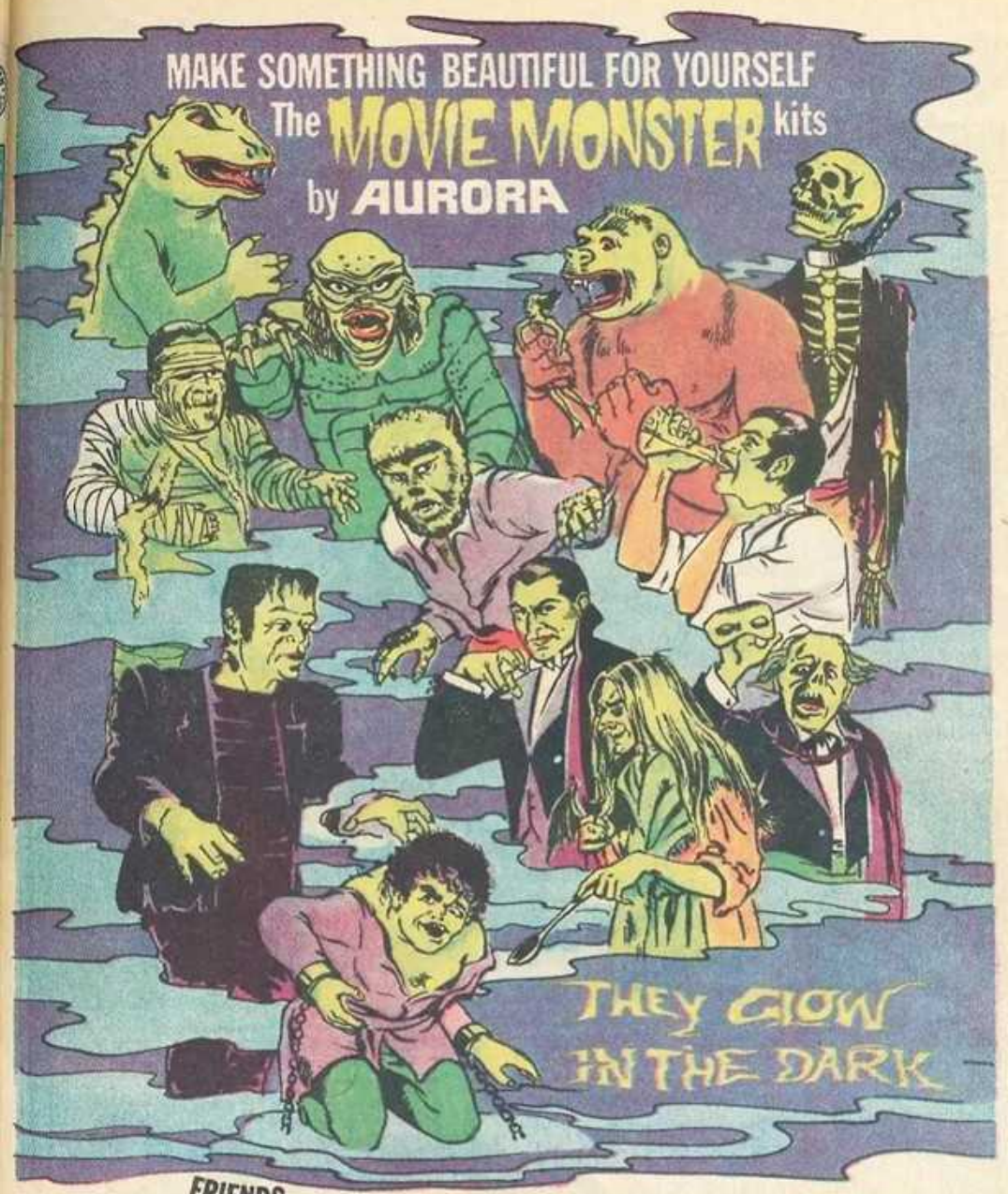

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HMM... AN ORDINARY ECHO BOUNCES BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THESE CLIFFS, BUT DIES OUT AFTER A WHILE!
HALLO!
HALLO!
HALLO!
HALLO!
BUT IF I GRIND OUT SCORES OF CUP-SHAPED HOLLOWS, WHICH WILL CATCH AND MAGNIFY SOUND, I CAN CONVERT THE CLIFF INTO A SUPER "SOUNDING BOARD"!
PRESENTLY, SUPERMAN BRINGS THE OPERA STAR TO SING HER FAVORITE ARIA...
IT WILL TAKE CENTURIES BEFORE THE ECHOES FINALLY DIE OUT!
O SOLE MIO
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O SOLE MIO
YOU DID IT, SUPERMAN! YOU MADE MY VOICE IMMORTAL BEYOND MY LIFETIME!
BUT WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPER-SORORITY ELIMINATED, SUPERMAN FACES HIS GREATEST HURDLE!
IT'S MY TURN NOW! HE WILL FAIL MY TASK!
GOOD GRIEF!
I AM WEARY OF BEING QUEEN WITH ALL ITS DULL ROYAL DUTIES! I YEARN FOR THE SIMPLE LIFE! CAN YOU MAKE ME A COMMONER, SUPERMAN?
HAS THE SCHEMING QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS WON?
HOW CAN I CHANGE HER WHOLE ANCESTRY... OR THE ROYAL BLOOD IN HER VEINS? IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE HER A "COMMONER"!... (GULP!)

BUT SUPERMAN'S MICROSCOPIC VISION REVEALS A TINY INSCRIPTION ON THE ROYAL CROWN...
AH! THAT ANCIENT AMAZON DECREE IS MY OUT!
AMAZON LAW: IF CROWN IS LOST-- OR DESTROYED, THE REIGNING QUEEN LOSES HER ROYALTY!
FIRST, I'LL BLOW HER CROWN OFF WITH MY SUPER-BREATH!..
OH!
...THEN MELT IT WITH WITH MY HEAT VISION!
OHH! YOU DISCOVERED THE ANCIENT LAW! THIS MAKES ME A COMMONER UNTIL A NEW CROWN IS MADE! I--I LOST, AND YOU'RE FREE TO GO NOW, SUPERMAN!
BUT SUPERMAN HAS STILL NOT SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF AMAZON ISLAND...
LISTEN, LOIS! HELP ME FIND THE ANTIDOTE I WANT! YOU SEE, THOSE KRYPTONITE CHAINS DIDN'T WEAKEN ME BEFORE!
OH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, SUPERMAN! SHOW ME!
TO SUPERMAN'S SURPRISE...
UH... WAIT! NOW THE RAYS DO AFFECT ME! IF THERE WAS AN ANTIDOTE AROUND BEFORE, IT'S GONE NOW! BUT WHAT WAS IT?
GOODNESS! THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER!
THE QUEEN'S CROWN, MADE OF A RARE SUBSTANCE, MUST HAVE CONTAINED SOME ELEMENT WHICH NEUTRALIZED THE KRYPTONITE RAYS!
GREAT SCOTT! THE ONLY ANTIDOTE EVER KNOWN FOR KRYPTONITE... AND I MYSELF DESTROYED IT!
LATER, AFTER THE SUPER-SORORITY IS SAFELY HOME, AND LOIS LANE IS BACK AT THE OFFICE WITH CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT...
SUPERMAN FAILED IN MY TASK AND I COULD HAVE MARRIED HIM! WAS I A FOOL TO LET HIM GO, CLARK?
ER--PERHAPS YOU WERE, LOIS!
...LUCKILY FOR ME!
THE END.
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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

GOODNESS! IF I WANT **SUPERMAN** TO FIND ME IRRESISTIBLE, ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS RUB THIS **MONKEY'S PAW**... MAKE A WISH... AND IT'LL COME **TRUE!** HMM... I CAN JUST IMAGINE IT...

GET OFF THE EARTH! GO BACK TO YOUR OWN PLANETS! **I LOVE LOIS**... AND **NO** ALIEN SUPERMAN WILL MARRY HER IF I CAN HELP IT! SHE'S **MINE**... AND I INTEND TO **MARRY** HER **RIGHT AWAY!**

FROM **LOIS LANE** NO. 42, JULY, 1963

IF LOIS LANE HAD **THREE** WISHES, WHAT WOULD SHE WISH FOR? IMMORTALITY? RICHES? POWER? OF COURSE NOT! FIRST AND LAST, SHE'D WISH FOR HAPPINESS WITH **SUPERMAN!** BUT FATE HAS A SURPRISE IN STORE FOR LOIS WHEN SHE GAINS POSSESSION OF THAT MAGICAL TALISMAN--

THE MONKEY'S PAW!

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YOU SHOULDN'T HANDLE YOUR RIVALS SO ROUGHLY, **SUPERMAN**... BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR MAD DESIRE TO HAVE ME ALL TO YOURSELF...

Schaffenberger

ONE DAY, AT THE **DAILY PLANET**...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, LOIS?

OF ALL THE KOOKIE ASSIGNMENTS! WHEN NAT FLEMING, THE FAMOUS EXPLORER, DIED, HE WILLED THE CONTENTS OF THIS BOX TO OUR NEWSPAPER! I'M TO WRITE A STORY ON SOME OF THESE FANTASTIC CURIOS HE COLLECTED...

A **UNICORN'S** HORN!..., A JEWEL FROM KING **SOLOMON'S MINE!**... AND--THE ORIGINAL MAGICAL **MONKEY'S PAW!**

WOW! ACCORDING TO THE FAMOUS LEGEND, WHOEVER OWNS THE PAW IS GRANTED THREE WISHES WHICH **COME TRUE!**

PRESENTLY... WELL, LOIS, I'VE GOT TO COVER A SPECIAL MOVIE ASSIGNMENT! MEANWHILE, HAVE YOURSELF A BALL MAKING YOUR WISHES COME TRUE!
FAT CHANCE! THAT MONKEY'S PAW LEGEND IS SILLY NONSENSE!

MINUTES LATER... HERE COMES THE FIVE O'CLOCK PLANE FROM CHICAGO WITH LUCY ABOARD AS STEWARDESS! -GASP!- WHAT'S HAPPENING? IT'S FALLING! EVERYONE ABOARD WILL BE KILLED!

SUPERMAN MUST BE BUSY ELSEWHERE! THE PEOPLE ON THAT PLANE ARE DOOMED!...WAIT! THE MONKEY'S PAW!!...I KNOW IT SEEMS CRAZY... BUT THERE'S EVERYTHING TO GAIN, AND NOTHING TO LOSE! I'LL AT LEAST TRY!

I WISH THE PLANE TO STOP FALLING!..

...GASP!...IT'S STRAIGHTENING OUT! THE PLANE AND ITS PASSENGERS ARE SAVED! THE MAGIC OF THE MONKEY'S PAW WORKS! IT WORKS!

OH, DEAR... SINCE THE PAW IS MAGICAL, I JUST USED UP ONE OF THE THREE FABULOUS WISHES! OF COURSE, I HAD TO DO IT TO SAVE THOSE PEOPLE, BUT I'LL BE VERY CAREFUL WHAT I DO WITH THE TWO REMAINING WISHES!

HA, HA! I CAN WISH FOR AND GET ANYTHING! HMM! I CAN IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I USED THE PAW TO WISH THAT I COULD BECOME THE MOST GLAMOROUS, IRRESISTIBLE FEMALE IN THE UNIVERSE! WOW!!
HO, HUM! MORE SUPER-ADMIRERS FROM SPACE!
MARRY ME, MOST ENTRANCING OF ALL BEAUTIES!
NO ONE ON ANY PLANET COMPARES WITH INCOMPARABLE YOU! BE MY BRIDE!
ALL RIGHT, YOU ALIEN SUPER-GUYS! SHOVE OFF!
BEAT IT! NOBODY... BUT NOBODY... WILL MARRY THIS ADORABLE, TERRIFIC GIRL BUT ME! SHE'S MINE--SO GET LOST!
DON'T HANDLE YOUR RIVALS SO ROUGHLY, SUPERMAN! AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR SWOONING OVER... ME!
SOB! I BEG YOU, LOIS... FORGIVE ME FOR NOT PROPOSING YEARS AGO! OH, WHAT A FOOL I WAS... I-I KNOW I DON'T DESERVE IT, BUT... SOB!... MARRY ME!
ALL RIGHT! I'M YOURS!
HMM... I COULD WISH THAT SUPERMAN ASKS ME TO MARRY HIM! BUT I'D RATHER HE DO IT ON HIS OWN!
LATER, IN LOIS' APARTMENT...
WHAT SHOULD MY SECOND WISH BE? HOW CAN I USE THE PAW TO MAKE SUPERMAN BE PROUD TO MARRY ME? AH--I HAVE AN IDEA!... LIKE EVERY REPORTER, I'VE DREAMED OF WRITING "THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL"!... GOSH, I--I JUST THOUGHT OF A WONDERFUL WISH THE MONKEY'S PAW CAN MAKE COME TRUE FOR ME...!!
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"CHUCKLE!--I CAN JUST SEE LANA SIZZLING IF I USED MY SECOND WISH TO WIN THIS YEAR'S NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE IN SWEDEN!"
MISS LANE, YOUR NOVEL "COURAGE EVERY MONDAY", IS THE GREATEST LITERARY WORK EVER!
I PROTEST!!
HOW COULD LOIS POSSIBLY HAVE WRITTEN SUCH A MASTERPIECE? SURE, SHE CAN GRIND OUT NEWS ARTICLES, BUT...
TELL HER!
INSPIRATION, MY DEAR, PLUS OODLES OF PERSPIRATION!
AND THE MONKEY'S PAW!!

PRESENTLY, AS LOIS DRIVES TOWARD A YACHT, OWNED BY A WEALTHY ADVERTISER, WHO HAS INVITED SOME OF THE PLANET STAFF ON A WEEK-END CRUISE...
BRUUMMP!
THAT NOISE FROM NEARBY...! I'LL INVESTIGATE!

MINUTES AFTERWARD...
OH, NO! SUPERMAN'S LYING HELPLESS AND DYING BESIDE A HUGE KRYPTONITE METEOR THAT MUST HAVE CRASHED DOWN INTO THE MOUNTAIN AND CAUSED THE SLIDE WHILE HE WAS PATROLLING THIS AREA!

I COULD NEVER REACH THAT METEOR IN TIME TO SAVE HIM...THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION--THE MONKEY'S PAW!!...I WISH THAT THE KRYPTONITE RAYS CEASE TO HURT SUPERMAN!

NEXT MOMENT...
HURRAY! HE'S OKAY NOW! I WONDER IF HE'LL EVER REALIZE I USED MY SECOND WISH TO SAVE HIS LIFE?
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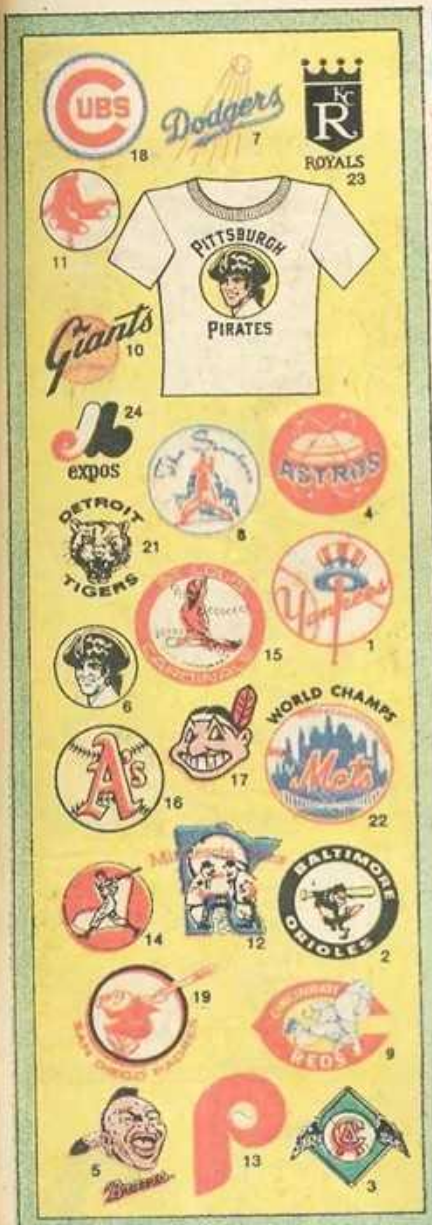

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THE TROUBLE WITH SUPERMAN IS HE'S SO USED TO BEING THE MIGHTY RESCUER, IT WOULDN'T OCCUR TO HIM THAT I MIGHT SAVE HIM!... HMM! I'LL BET SUPER-MAN WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF I USED THE MAGICAL MONKEY'S PAW TO MAKE MYSELF GREATER THAN HE IS!
"HA, HA!--WOULDN'T HE BE ANNOYED IF..."
GAA! NOT AGAIN!! CHOKE!!--EVERY TIME I FLASH IN TO PERFORM A RESCUE, SUPER-LOIS, YOU...
...I GET THERE FIRSTEST WITH THE MOSTEST! THAT'S BECAUSE MY POWERS ARE MIGHTIER THAN YOURS!
"I CAN JUST SEE HIS MALE EGO CRUMBLING AS..."
HI, THERE! I JUST SAVED YOU FROM LUTHOR'S RED SOLAR RAY PROJECTOR, WHICH COULD HAVE ROBBED YOU OF YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
STOP INTERFERING! I CAN PROTECT MYSELF!
SMASH!
"BUT I WOULDN'T STOP..."
BETTER VAMOOSE WHILE I GET RID OF THIS SWARM OF GREEN KRYPTONITE METEORS! THOUGH THEY CAN HARM YOU, THEY DON'T BOTHER ME AT ALL, HA, HA!
I KNOW I ALWAYS SAVED YOU BEFORE YOU GOT SUPER-POWERS...
...BUT CAN'T YOU SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE IN A WAY LESS HUMILIATING FOR ME! I DON'T WANT A SUPER-NURSEMAID!!
AN INTERESTING POSSIBILITY, BUT SINCE I HAVE ONLY ONE MAGIC WISH LEFT, I'LL SAVE IT FOR SOMETHING REALLY WORTHWHILE! HMM... I MAY GET AN IDEA ON THE YACHT!
LATER, ON THE YACHT...
HAVE YOU TRIED THESE DELICIOUS SANDWICHES YET, LOIS? HAVE ONE!
THANKS!
CLARK'S TIMID, BUT HE'S SWEET AND THOUGHTFUL!... OH, HERE COMES LUCY WITH JIMMY OLSEN! WAIT'LL SHE HEARS HOW I SAVED HER LIFE WITH THE MONKEY'S PAW!
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AND AS LOIS TELLS HER STRANGE STORY...
YOU MUST BE KIDDING! THAT MONKEY'S PAW HAD NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH THE AIRLINER PULLING OUT OF THAT FALL!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
"THE PLANE WAS SAVED BY AN AUTOMATIC SAFETY DEVICE THAT WAS BEING USED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THAT FLIGHT..."
THE SAFETY DEVICE WORKS!
OF COURSE! IT'S 100% FOOLPROOF!
SORRY TO DISILLUSION YOU, LOIS, BUT THAT PAW IS MAKING A MONKEY OUT OF YOU!
OH, YES? WELL, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT SUPERMAN WOULD HAVE DIED TODAY, IF NOT FOR A WISH I MADE WITH THE PAW!
MY WISH RESCUED HIM FROM A KRYPTONITE METEOR DURING AN AVALANCHE!
HA, HA! YOU'RE WRONG AGAIN! TAKE A LOOK AT THESE PICTURES I TOOK TODAY WITH MY NEW POLAROID CAMERA! IT MAKES COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS IN JUST SECONDS!
"I TOOK THESE WHILE COVERING A CHARITY FILM STARRING SUPERMAN, THE FILM CREW USED DYNAMITE TO CREATE THE AVALANCHE! - SEE... THERE'S SUPERMAN CARRYING THE METEOR TO THE SET! - AND THERE'S THE CAMERAMAN PHOTOGRAPHING THE SCENE BEHIND THE TREES WHILE SUPERMAN PRETENDS TO BE DYING..."
THE METEOR WAS FAKE KRYPTONITE, OF COURSE! THAT'S WHY SUPERMAN WAS ABLE TO FLY AWAY FROM IT AT THE END OF THE SCENE!
HOW COULD YOU BE SO SUPERSTITIOUS, LOIS?
HMM... THERE'S ONE WAY I CAN PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL IF THIS PAW IS MAGICAL OR NOT!
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THAT DISTANT FLARE!

THAT "S" BEING FORMED IN THE SKY...IT'S THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE'S SIGNAL THAT THEY WANT ME AT THE PENTAGON! I MUST SLIP AWAY AND SWITCH TO MY SECRET SUPERMAN IDENTITY!

NEXT MOMENT...
OOOOLP! I F-FEEL SEASICK! PLEASE EXCUSE ME WHILE I GO BELOW DECK AND LIE DOWN!
...AND THEN STREAK AWAY, UNSEEN, AS SUPERMAN!
THAT WEAKLING... BECOME A SUPERMAN?! HA, HA! IMPOSSIBLE!

SECONDS LATER...
NO SENSE KIDDING MYSELF! I'M...CONVINCED I'VE BEEN A FOOL! THE MONKEY'S PAW NEVER DID HAVE MAGIC POWERS! I'LL THROW THE PIECE OF JUNK OVERBOARD!

MEANWHILE, AS SUPERMAN SPEEDS TOWARD WASHINGTON, D.C...
POOR LOIS! I OVERHEARD HER WISH THAT CLARK BECOME SUPER! SINCE I AM CLARK, SHE DIDN'T USE HER THIRD WISH, JUST AS SHE DIDN'T USE HER OTHER TWO WISHES! HER MONKEY'S PAW IS STILL GOOD FOR THREE WISHES!
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BUT, ALAS LOIS DOES NOT KNOW THIS...
I CAN'T HELP THINKING HOW GREAT IT WOULD BE IF THE MONKEY'S PAW COULD HAVE GRANTED ME EVEN ONE WISH!
IT'S STILL GOOD FOR THREE WISHES, LOIS...BUT YOU THREW IT AWAY!
The End

FROM SUPERMAN NO. 153 MAY, 1962.
SUPERMAN
FOR YEARS LOIS LANE HAS WAITED EAGERLY, BUT IN VAIN, FOR SUPERMAN TO SHOW THAT HE CARES FOR HER. THEN ONE DAY, LOIS IS SUDDENLY DELUGED WITH THE ROMANTIC ATTENTION OF SEVERAL SUPERMEN! YOU'D THINK THIS WAS AN IDEAL SET-UP FOR THE DAILY PLANET'S ATTRACTIVE REPORTER WOULDN'T YOU? BUT-- HOLD ON!! DON'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS, UNTIL YOU LEARN OF THE ASTOUNDING MYSTERY THAT BESETS LOIS AFTER SHE VENTURES INTO...
The TOWN of SUPERMEN!
ADORABLE!
GASP!--THIS FORMER WESTERN GHOST TOWN IS FULL OF SUPERMEN, AND ALL OF THEM GO FOR ME IN A BIG WAY! HM-MM! MAYBE I SHOULD FORGET SUPERMAN AND MARRY ONE OF THEM!
A KNOCKOUT! JUST MY TYPE!
GENERAL STORE
FEED
SALOON
BARBER SHOP
SHE'S CUTE!
ONE MORNING, AT THE PLANET, AS PRETTY REPORTER LOIS LANE OPENS A LETTER ADDRESSED TO HER...
WOW!!
Dear Miss Lane: Come to Drywood Gulch at once for the biggest scoop of your career! A Friend
AS CUB REPORTER JIMMY OLSEN WATCHES THE TELETYPE...
SUPERMAN'S BUSY NOW, GETTING RID OF RADIOACTIVE FALL-OUT FROM 50-MEGATON ATOMIC BOMB TESTS!
I'LL SLIP AWAY, AND CHECK UP ON THAT NEWS TIP! I'VE A HUNCH IT'S NOT FROM A CRANK!

LATER, AS A CROSS-COUNTRY BUS DROPS LOIS OFF NEAR HER DESTINATION...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GET OFF HERE, LADY? IT'S AS HOT AS IN DEATH VALLEY...

...AND DRYWOOD GULCH IS A GHOST TOWN! IT'S BEEN UNINHABITED FOR YEARS!
GOODBYE! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
I HOPE!

GASP!—THIS HEAT IS...TERRIBLE! I CAN HARDLY BREATHE! I'M SWEATING LIKE MAD! I FEEL WEAK...DIZZY! THAT GHOST TOWN IS SHIMMERING IN THE BLINDING SUNLIGHT, LIKE A... MIRAGE...

SHORTLY, TO LOIS' AMAZEMENT...
AWP! IMPOSSIBLE! MEN ARE FLYING ABOVE DRYWOOD GULCH! NOT ONLY CAN THEY FLY LIKE SUPERMAN, BUT THEY'RE WEARING COLORFUL COSTUMES, TOO!
SALOON

SOON, IN THE TOWN...
IT'S NOT A GHOST TOWN AT ALL! IT'S FILLED WITH SUPERMEN! THE BUILDINGS ARE ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY! HOW CAN THIS BE?
JAIL
BARBER SHOP
SILVER DOLLAR
GENERAL STORE
BLACKSMITH

AS LOIS INVESTIGATES FURTHER...
THE BLACKSMITH'S BENDING METAL INTO THE SHAPE OF HORSESHOES, WITH HIS BARE HANDS, AT SUPER-SPEED!...IT'S UTTERLY FANTASTIC!

NEXT, SHE SIGHTS...
WE'RE SHORT OF WATER!
THAT'S NO PROBLEM! WE'LL DIG A WELL! LET'S GO!!
GOODNESS, THEY'RE BURROWING INTO THE GROUND, JUST LIKE SUPERMAN!
A MOMENT LATER...
THERE! NOW WE'VE GOT ALL THE WATER WE NEED!
WHAT A SUPER-FEAT! WHOEVER SENT THAT NOTE WASN'T LYING! THIS IS A TREMENDOUS STORY!
SUDDENLY... SHE'S LOVELY!
I SAW HER FIRST!
GULP!!-THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY WILD ABOUT ME! PERHAPS I SHOULD FORGET ABOUT SUPERMAN... WHO MAY NEVER PROPOSE TO ME! MAYBE I OUGHT TO MARRY ONE OF THESE GREEK GODS!
WHO AM I KIDDING? I COULD NEVER LOVE ANY OTHER MAN BUT SUPERMAN, AND I KNOW IT!
WELCOME, MISS LANE! WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU TO COME IN RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER!
WHO ARE YOU SUPERMEN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THIS FORMER GHOST TOWN?
WE ARE KRYPTONIANS... JUST LIKE SUPERMAN!
"YEARS AGO, ON KRYPTON, WE BANDED TOGETHER AND WORKED ON A SECRET ASTRONAUT PROJECT, UNKNOWN TO EVEN SCIENTIST JOR-EL, THE FATHER OF THE CHILD DESTINED TO BECOME SUPERMAN! WHILE IN OUTER SPACE DURING OUR FIRST EXPERIMENTAL SPACE-ARK FLIGHT, KRYPTON EXPLODED..."
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WE CAME TO EARTH IN OUR ROCKET, JUST LIKE BABY KAL-EL, WHO GREW UP TO BECOME SUPERMAN! WE DECIDED TO KEEP OUR EXISTENCE A SECRET FROM EARTH PEOPLE AND SETTLED HERE IN DRYWOOD GULCH!
NOW WE'RE READY TO ANNOUNCE OUR EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD!
HOWEVER, WE RESPECT SUPERMAN, AND SO WE WON'T DO IT WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION!
WE WANT YOU TO GIVE HIM THAT MESSAGE!
THAT'S WHY WE WROTE TO YOU, HIS FRIEND!
I'LL RETURN TO METROPOLIS AND CONTACT SUPERMAN!
THANK YOU, MISS LANE!
I DON'T NEED THE ANONYMOUS LETTER ANYMORE! I'LL TOSS IT AWAY!
LATER, AFTER LOIS RETURNS TO THE PLANET...
YOU'VE FLIPPED!
YOU DON'T REALLY EXPECT ME TO SUMMON SUPERMAN WITH MY SIGNAL—WATCH, BECAUSE OF YOUR WILD STORY, DO YOU?
COME WITH ME AND I'LL PROVE IT!!
HOURS LATER, AS LOIS, JIMMY OLSEN AND PERRY WHITE NEAR DRYWOOD GULCH...
HA, HA! STRANGE, BUT I DON'T SEE ANYONE FLYING THROUGH THE AIR! NOT EVEN A BIRD, MUCH LESS MEN!
LAND THE HELICOPTER!
AFTER THE PRESS PLANE ALIGHTS...
THERE AREN'T ANY SUPERMEN HERE, JUST THESE COWBOYS!
MAYBE THE HEAT CAUSED YOU TO SEE A HALLUCINATION, LOIS!
I RECOGNIZE THAT MAN, THOUGH HE'S DRESSED DIFFERENTLY NOW! I'LL QUESTION HIM!
SALOON
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHY ARE YOU SUPERMEN NOW DRESSED LIKE ORDINARY COW-BOYS!
SUPERMEN?- WHAT'S SHE TALKIN' ABOUT, STRANGERS? IS SHE TETCHED?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BUT NOW MY DANDER'S UP! COME ON! I WANT YOU TO SEE THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BLACKSMITH! WHEN YOU SEE HOW INVULNERABLE HE IS, YOU'LL APOLOGIZE TO ME!
BLACKSMITH
MINUTES LATER...
YEOWW-WCHH!
HE HIT HIS FINGER ACCIDENTALLY! -INVULNERABLE, EH? SO HOW COME HE'S YELLING WITH PAIN?
I'M NOT LYING? COME! I'LL SHOW YOU A WATER HOLE THE SUPERMEN BUILT AT SUPER-SPEED!
BUT...
THERE'S NO WATER HOLE... ONLY SOME FOOTPRINTS! -LOIS, ARE YOU SURE YOU GOT THAT ANONYMOUS LETTER YOU TOLD US ABOUT?
I THREW IT AWAY, NEAR HERE!
MY HEAT VISION IS DESTROYING IT... UNNOTICED!
AS LOIS SEARCHES VAINLY...
I CAN'T FIND IT! BUT THERE WAS A LETTER! STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT!
CALM DOWN, LOIS! ANYONE CAN BE THE VICTIM OF HALLUCINATIONS IF THEY'RE UNDER A BLAZING SUN TOO LONG! MAYBE WHAT YOU SAW WAS... ER... A MIRAGE!
MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY BUILDING...
HA, HA! LITTLE DOES LOIS LANE REALIZE WE AREN'T COWBOYS OR KRYPTONIAN ASTRONAUTS!
SHE AND HER FRIENDS WOULD BE ASTOUNDED IF THEY KNEW OUR REAL IDENTITIES!

"ACTUALLY, WE ARE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS WHO WERE BANISHED INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR OUR HORRIBLE CRIMES BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODED. THERE WE EXISTED AS DISEMBODIED WRAITHS UNTIL A RECENT 50-MEGATON ATOMIC TEST BLAST ON EARTH RIPPED OPEN A HOLE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE...
"EIGHT OF US MANAGED TO ESCAPE BEFORE THE HOLE CLOSED UP AGAIN, LEAVING BEHIND THE OTHER PHANTOMS. UPON MATERIALIZING, WE GAINED SUPER-POWERS FROM EARTH'S YELLOW SUN..."
NOW WE'RE AS MIGHTY AS EARTH'S GREATEST DEFENDER--SUPERMAN!
SETTLING HERE, WE BUILT THIS PHANTASMON ZONE GENERATOR... IT'S THE POWER-SOURCE FOR OUR RAY-GUNS WHICH CAN PROJECT ANY-THING INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE!
WE WROTE TO THE LANE GIRL....
...SUMMONING HER, PLANNING TO USE HER TO LURE SUPERMAN HERE SO WE COULD PROJECT HIM INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE AND KEEP HIM THERE FOREVER!
BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THE GENERATOR AFTER HER VISIT... SO WE COVERED THAT WELL AND ARE PRETENDING TO BE ORDINARY COWBOYS! WE DON'T WANT SUPERMAN HERE UNTIL WE REPAIR THE GENERATOR!
AS LOIS' FRIENDS WALK BACK TOWARD THE HELICOPTER SHE LAGS BEHIND...
MY FRIENDS THINK I IMAGINED IT ALL, BUT I DIDN'T! YOU KNOW I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
CORRECT, MISS LANE! MY COMPANIONS AND I ARE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS WHO ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE...!
WHEN WE FINISH REPAIRING OUR GENERATOR, WE'LL IMPRISON SUPERMAN IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! HA! WE'RE NOT AFRAID TO REVEAL THE TRUTH TO YOU, NOW THAT NO ONE WILL BELIEVE YOU!
YOU... DEVILS!

WHAT A FIENDISH PLOT! FOR SUPERMAN'S SAKE, I'VE GOT TO CONVINCE JIMMY AND PERRY I'M NOT LYING OR MAD! WAIT! I-I THINK I SEE PROOF THAT'LL CONVINCE THEM IN ONE OF THOSE SHOPS DOWN THE STREET!
GENERAL ST
SOON...
WHAT? AGAIN?! LOIS, YOU MUST THINK WE'RE IDIOTS, OR SOMETHING!
JIMMY, PLEASE COME AND LOOK AT WHAT I'VE GOT TO SHOW YOU!
ALL RIGHT. BUT ONLY IF YOU PROMISE TO GIVE UP THIS WILD-GOOSE CHASE IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANY PROOF!
SHORTLY, BACK IN TOWN...
LOIS, WHAT YOU JUST SHOWED US CONVINCED ME YOU WERE TELLING THE TRUTH! I HOPE SUPERMAN HAS RETURNED FROM OUTER SPACE, SO HE CAN HEAR MY ULTRASONIC SIGNAL AND GET HERE IN TIME!
HURRY!
ZEE... ZEE... ZEE...
READER--CAN YOU GUESS WHAT LOIS HAS SHOWN JIMMY AND PERRY?
INSTANTS LATER...
WHAT'S UP, JIMMY? I JUST RETURNED AND GOT YOUR SIGNAL! GREAT SCOTT! THOSE "COWBOYS"! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS THEY'RE WEARING KRYPTONIAN COSTUMES UNDERNEATH THEIR CLOTHES! THEY'RE CRIMINALS WHO WERE BANISHED INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! SOMEHOW THEY'VE ESCAPED!
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! I'LL RETURN YOU TO THE PHANTOM ZONE SOMEHOW, TO SERVE OUT THE REST OF YOUR SENTENCE!
WE JUST COMPLETED REPAIRING THE PHANTASMON POWER-GENERATOR! IT'S YOU WHO'LL BE BANISHED INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE BY THESE RAY-GUNS POWERED BY THE GENERATOR!
FEED STORE
AND AS THE CRIMINALS FLEX THEIR MIGHTY MUSCLES AND BURST OFF THEIR OUTER GARMENTS...
IT WAS THE TESTIMONY OF YOUR FATHER, JOR-EL, THAT DOOMED MANY OF US INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! WE'LL AVENGE OURSELVES BY SENDING YOU THERE!

HERE--STRAP ON THIS RAY-GUN HOLSTER! SINCE WE'RE IN A WESTERN TOWN, WE'LL SETTLE THIS THE WAY THE COWBOYS USED TO IN THE OLD WEST! HA, HA! WHOEVER DRAWS FASTEST WILL WIN!
A SHOWDOWN DUEL! WELL, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU OUTLAWS WANT IT, THAT'S HOW IT'LL BE!
BUT IT'S...UNFAIR! SUPERMAN CAN'T POSSIBLY OUTDRAW EIGHT SUPER-OPPONENTS, AND YOU KNOW IT!
HA, HA! YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART, LADY!
AMAZINGLY, THE MAN OF STEEL IS ABOUT TO BATTLE DASTARDLY OPPONENTS IN A SHOWDOWN STREET BATTLE, JUST AS LAWMEN OF THE OLD WEST HAD DONE YEARS AGO IN THIS VERY TOWN...
DRAW, SUPERMAN!
SALOON
I--I C-CAN'T LOOK!
JEEPERS! HOW CAN EVEN SUPERMAN BEAT EIGHT SUPER-POWERFUL FOES TO THE DRAW? IF ONLY ONE OF THEM HITS HIM WITH THE RAY FIRST, HE'LL BE PROJECTED INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOREVER!
NEXT MOMENT...
THE RAY-BLASTS ARE SO BLINDING, W-WE CAN'T SEE!
POOR SUPERMAN IS DOOMED!--SOB!
BUT WHEN THE DAZZLING GLARE SUBSIDES...
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! THE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS HAVE VANISHED! OF THE COMBATANTS, ONLY SUPERMAN REMAINS!
HE WON! SUPERMAN WON THE SHOWDOWN FIGHT!
GEE--THAT'S WONDERFUL!
GENER STORE

I'M SO GLAD YOU WON! BUT HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU OUTDRAW EIGHT ARMED MEN WHO WERE AS SUPER AS YOURSELF?
THOSE MELTED GUNS ON THE GROUND ARE THE ANSWER!

"A SPLIT-INSTANT BEFORE THEIR RAY-GUNS COULD BE FIRED, I MELTED THEIR WEAPONS WITH MY HEAT VISION!"
WITH EARTH AT THE MERCY OF THOSE EVIL SUPERMEN IF I LOSE, I'VE NO ALTERNATIVE!

"AFTERWARD, MY RAY-GUN TRANSFORMED THEM INTO WRAITHS AND SENT THEM BACK INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE WHERE THOSE EVIL BEINGS BELONG..."
OUTSMARTED!
SOMEDAY WE'LL BE AVENGED!

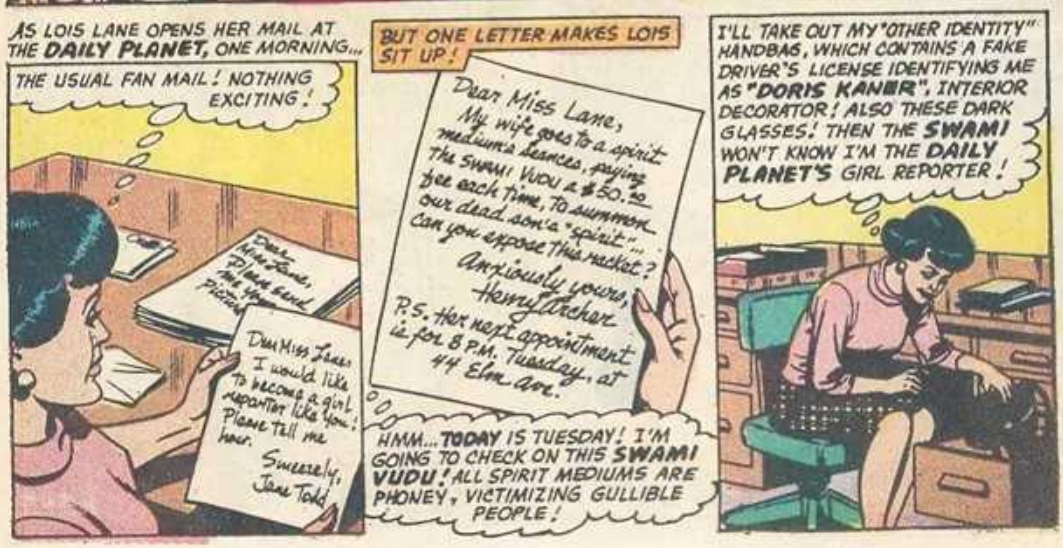
WHEN SUPERMAN IS TOLD THE ENTIRE PLOT...
ONE THING PUZZLES ME, LOIS, HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO CONVINCE JIMMY AND PERRY THAT THESE CRIMINALS WERE NOT COWBOYS, BUT REALLY SUPERMEN? THEY PUT ON A TERRIFIC ACT TO FOOL PERRY AND JIMMY!
I FOUND PROOF IN THE TOWN BARBER SHOP! COME—I'LL SHOW YOU!
BARBER SHOP

SOON, IN THE ONLY STORE IN TOWN NOT IN USE...
SEE? COBWEBS, EVERYWHERE! BECAUSE THESE KRYPTONIAN OUTLAWS DIDN'T NEED HAIRCUTS OR SHAVES! LIKE SUPERMAN, THEIR HAIR DOESN'T GROW IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, DUE TO OUR YELLOW SUN'S RAYS!... BESIDES, THEIR HAIR IS SO INVULNERABLE, NO BARBER'S SHEARS WOULD BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CUT IT!

MINUTES LATER...
BRILLIANT THINKING, LOIS! SO LONG, NOW!
I TRACED DOWN A BIG STORY, AFTER ALL!--WHAT MAKES ME HAPPIEST OF ALL, THOUGH, IS THAT THRILLING COMPLIMENT FROM SUPERMAN, THE MAN I LOVE!
THE END

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

I AM THE SPIRIT OF A MURDERED MAN! READ THE SLATE!
CAN THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD COMMUNICATE WITH THE LIVING WORLD? DO GHOSTS RETURN FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE WHEN SUMMONED? LOIS LANE CAN GIVE YOU THE ANSWER IN ONE WORD--BOSH! BUT WHEN THE GIRL REPORTER UNDERTAKES TO EXPOSE A FAKE MEDIUM'S RACKET, SHE RECEIVES A WEIRD SPIRIT-MESSAGE THAT UNLOCKS ANOTHER BIG CRIME! HOW CAN SUCH A THING HAPPEN? SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS THE SECRET OF...
LOIS LANE'S GREAT HOUDINI TRICK!
THAT SPIRIT-MESSAGE WILL CRACK AN UNSOLVED CRIME CASE!
FROM LOIS LANE NO.58, JULY, 1965.
MY KILLER'S NAME IS


AS LOIS LANE OPENS HER MAIL AT THE DAILY PLANET, ONE MORNING...
THE USUAL FAN MAIL! NOTHING EXCITING!
Dear Miss Lane, Please send me your picture
Dear Miss Lane, I would like to become a girl reporter like you! Please tell me how. Sincerely, Jane Todd
BUT ONE LETTER MAKES LOIS SIT UP!
Dear Miss Lane, My wife goes to a spirit medium's seances, paying the SWAMI VUDU a $50.00 fee each time, to summon our dead son's "spirit"... can you expose this racket? Anxiously yours, Henry Archer
P.S. Her next appointment is for 8 P.M. Tuesday, at 44 Elm Ave.
HMM... TODAY IS TUESDAY! I'M GOING TO CHECK ON THIS SWAMI VUDU! ALL SPIRIT MEDIUMS ARE PHONEY, VICTIMIZING GULLIBLE PEOPLE!
I'LL TAKE OUT MY "OTHER IDENTITY" HANDBAG, WHICH CONTAINS A FAKE DRIVER'S LICENSE IDENTIFYING ME AS "DORIS KANER", INTERIOR DECORATOR! ALSO THESE DARK GLASSES! THEN THE SWAMI WON'T KNOW I'M THE DAILY PLANET'S GIRL REPORTER!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE SPIRIT MEDIUM'S PARLOR...
I'D LIKE TO ATTEND A SEANCE...
FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE, FOR A FUTURE APPOINTMENT! THERE'S NO ROOM AT TONIGHT'S SEANCE! COME BACK IN AN HOUR! SWAMI VUDU IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

AFTER FILLING OUT HER APPLICATION...
I'M ALONE OUT HERE! I'LL PEEK IN AT THE SEANCE AND SEE IF SWAMI VUDU USES THE SAME OLD TRICKS MOST MEDIUMS DO! I'VE READ ABOUT THEIR METHODS!

IN THE DARKENED ROOM...
HOLDING HANDS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, THE "SWAMI" SEEMS UNABLE TO PULL ANY TRICKS! ACTUALLY, THAT "SPIRIT WRITING" ON THE SLATE WAS PREPARED BEFOREHAND WITH A "DELAYED ACTION" LUMINOUS PAINT WHICH JUST BECAME VISIBLE!
O SPIRIT OF LEONARD ARCHER! IF YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR MOTHER, WRITE IT ON THE SLATE!

THAT HISSING SOUND... AH, I KNEW IT! THAT HIDDEN HELIUM-GAS CARTRIDGE WAS TIMED TO INFLATE A BALLOON... ON WHICH THE "SPIRIT'S" FACE APPEARS IN LUMINOUS PAINT!
LEONARD ARCHER, APPEAR!

I AM HERE...MOTHER!
MY SON! MY POOR, DEAD BOY! TELL ME, ARE YOU SUFFERING?

IT'S EASY FOR THE SWAMI TO USE VENTRILOQUISM AND MAKE THE "SPIRIT" ANSWER! NOBODY CAN SEE HIS LIPS MOVING IN THE DARK!
NO, MOTHER! I AM VERY HAPPY HERE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD!

AFTER THE SEANCE...
MRS. ARCHER IS COMPLETELY FOOLED INTO BELIEVING HER DEAD SON'S SPIRIT COMMUNICATES WITH HER! A NICE MONEY-MAKING RACKET FOR THE SWAMI!
OH, THAT WAS WONDERFUL, SWAMI VUDU! HERE'S $50 MORE FOR MY NEXT APPOINTMENT! I'LL KEEP COMING BACK!

AS THE SWAMI CHECKS THE APPLICATION OF "DORIS KANER", ALIAS LOIS LANE...
I'LL SUMMON ONE OF THE DEAR DEPARTED FOR YOU, TOO, MISS KANER! COME BACK FRIDAY! $50 IN ADVANCE, PLEASE!
ROBBER! BUT I HAVE TO PAY, TO FOLLOW THIS THROUGH... WAIT! SOMEHOW, THIS SWAMI'S FACE LOOKS FAMILIAR TO ME... HMMM...

SOON, IN THE DAILY PLANET BACK FILES...
AHA! THE SAME FACE! "SWAMI VUDU", ALIAS "VOODOO" VICKERS, WAS FORMERLY A CRIMINAL GANG LEADER!
"ZOMBIE" GAN BROKEN UP BY F.B

WHAT A BREAK! IF I CAN MAKE "VOODOO" VICKERS CONFESS TO THIS MURDER, IT'LL END HIS "SWAMI VUDU" RACKET... KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
GRAND JURY FAILS TO INDICT "VOODOO" VICKERS FOR SUSPECTED SLAYING OF GANG MEMBER WHO "SQUEALED"... VICTIM'S BODY NEVER FOUND...
"GABBY" BOLTON, MISSING INFORMER

CAN LOIS MAKE A HARDENED CRIMINAL CONFESS?
LATER, AFTER SHOPPING...
IF MY PLAN WORKS, THE SWAMI'S SEANCE RACKET WILL NOT ONLY BE BROKEN UP, BUT HE'LL BE EXPOSED FOR RUBBING OUT THAT "STOOL PIGEON"!
GAMES
VELTIES

AT HOME, THAT EVENING...
IF I CAN SPRING MY TRAP FOR THAT KILLER-TURNED-MEDIUM, IT'LL BE A GREAT STORY FOR THE DAILY PLANET! BUT IT WON'T BE EASY! IT'LL MEAN A LOT OF HARD WORK!

WHEN LOIS KEEPS HER APPOINTMENT...
OH, YES... MISS DORIS KANER! WHOSE SPIRIT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SUMMON FOR YOU?
WELL, I HAVE TO CONFESS I WAS THE MOLL... ER...GIRL FRIEND OF A GANGSTER WHO DISAPPEARED! I'M SURE HE WAS KILLED! SO LET ME TALK TO THE SPIRIT OF...

..."GABBY" BOLTON! DID YOU EVER HEAR OF HIM, SWAMI VUDU?
"GABBY" BOLTON! THE SQUEALER I RUBBED OUT!
WHY... UH... SHOULD I KNOW HIM? I HAVE HAD NO DEALINGS WITH... ER... CRIMINALS!

AS LOIS ENTERS THE SEANCE ROOM...
BOSS, DO YA THINK SHE KNOWS...?
AW... RELAX! BOLTON'S MOLL CAME HERE BY PURE CHANCE, NOT REALIZING I'M "VOODOO" VICKERS! PAINT BOLTON'S FACE ON A BALLOON BEFORE I START THE SEANCE! SHE'LL GET HER MONEY'S WORTH, LIKE THE OTHER SUCKERS!

AS THE "SPIRITS" ARE CALLED FORTH FOR OTHER CLIENTS...
YOUR DEAD FATHER HAS ANSWERED BY SPIRIT-WRITING ON THE SLATE, MISS APPLEBY!
I AM NEAR YOU

WHEN "DORIS KANER'S" TURN COMES...
I AM HERE, DORIS, DARLING! YOUR BOY FRIEND, "GABBY" BOLTON!
HMFF! THE USUAL PAINTED BALLOON, PLUS VENTRILOQUISM! BUT NOW FOR THE KEY QUESTION, WHICH I DON'T EXPECT THE "SWAMI" TO ANSWER...

TELL ME ONE THING, "GABBY," DEAR! YOUR KILLING WAS NEVER SOLVED! WHO WAS YOUR MURDERER?
SHE DOESN'T KNOW ME OR SUSPECT ME! I CAN PLACE THE BLAME ON ANY UNDERWORLD GANG...

BUT, WEIRDLY, AT THAT MOMENT...
HUH? SPIRIT-WRITING APPEARED ON IT! IS BOLTON'S REAL SPIRIT HERE?
:GULP!:
OH! LOOK AT THE SLATE!
I'M KILLER WAS "VOODOO" VICKERS

CAN IT BE TRUE? HAVE GHOSTLY FORCES COME TO AID LOIS?
BUT, "GABBY", DEAR! HOW CAN WE PROVE "VOODOO'S" GUILT? YOUR BODY WAS NEVER FOUND! WRITE YOUR ANSWER ON THE SLATE!
MOMENTS LATER...
ACTING ON A TIP POLICE WILL DISCOVER MY REMAINS WITHIN 24 HOUR

:ULPS!: ...ER... THAT IS ALL, MY FRIENDS! THE SEANCE IS OVER!
HE CUT IT OFF ABRUPTLY... AND I THINK I KNOW WHY!

LATER, OUTSIDE...
THAT SPIRIT-MESSAGE THREW "VOODOO" VICKERS INTO A PANIC!
C'MON, MEN! WE GOTTA DIG UP BOLTON'S BODY AND MOVE IT BEFORE THE COPS GET THERE!

BUT WHEN THEY DIG UP THE CORPSE, FAR OUT IN THE COUNTRY...
THANKS, VICKERS! NICE OF YOU TO REVEAL WHERE YOU HID THE BODY! NOW WE HAVE THE EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU FOR THE KILLING!
SUPERMAN!
BANG
BANG

Y-YOU MEAN THE COPS DIDN'T HAVE A TIP WHERE THE BODY WAS? I'VE BEEN TRICKED!
RIGHT, VICKERS! YOU'LL FIND OUT WHO DID IT AT THE POLICE STATION! SHE SENT ME TO FOLLOW YOU AFTER THE SEANCE!

AT THE POLICE STATION...
HERE SHE IS... "DORIS KANER" ALIAS LOIS LANE OF THE DAILY PLANET!
YOU FELL FOR MY GAG ABOUT THE "POLICE TIP", VICKERS! YOU MIGHT SAY I "SPIRITED" YOU BEHIND BARS AND BROKE UP YOUR SPIRIT-MEDIUM RACKET, BOTH AT THE SAME TIME!

LATER...
BUT HOW DID YOU HOODWINK VICKERS, LOIS?
I USED A CLEVER TRICK FROM A BOOK BY HOUDINI, THE FAMOUS STAGE MAGICIAN WHO EXPOSED MANY FAKE MEDIUMS! I BOUGHT SOME CHALK AND A SLATE! THEN, AT HOME...

"...I PRACTICED HOUDINI'S TRICK, HOUR AFTER HOUR!"
WITH THE END OF MY STOCKING CUT OUT, I CAN HOLD A PIECE OF CHALK IN MY TOES AND WRITE! I'LL IMPROVE AS I PRACTICE!
NOW IS THE

"AT THE SEANCE, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS..."
I SLIPPED MY HANDBAG ON THE FLOOR UNDER THE TABLE! NOW TO REMOVE ONE SLIPPER AND GET HOLD OF THAT LUMINOUS CHALK!

"THEN, WITHOUT LETTING GO MY HANDS, I TWISTED MY BODY AROUND, AND..."
I MADE SURE I GOT THIS SEAT NEAR THE SLATE! NOW TO WRITE OUT "GABBY" BOLTON'S SPIRIT MESSAGE, TRICKING THAT KILLER INTO GIVING HIMSELF AWAY FOR HIS CRIME!
KILLER

LATER, AT THE PLANET...
I SHOULD THANK HIM FOR LEADING ME TO THIS BIG STORY! PERRY'S BONUS COVERED THE $50 FEE I PAID THE "SWAMI" TEN TIMES OVER!
DAILY PLANET
"SWAMI" EXPOSED AS KILLER!
and thanks so much, Miss Lane, for getting my wife and many other victims out of that fake medium's clutches! Gratefully, Henry Archer
THE END

Let's Rap!

HERE'S A CHANCE TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT OUR COMICS. TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND WE CAN PUT OUT THE COMICS YOU WANT.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS SO WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU THINK IS GROOVY. JUST BECAUSE YOU HELPED US OUT AND WE LOVE YOU FOR IT WE'RE GIVING AWAY *BIG GIFTS* INCLUDING A **PORTABLE COLOR TV SET**

WE'RE DRAWING THE NAMES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1970. *DIG!* 150 DIFFERENT WINNERS!

HANG IN THERE... HERE COME THE QUESTIONS!

(Q1) I got this comic at a ... Check one.

- ☐ a. Supermarket or chain store
- ☐ b. Newsstand
- ☐ c. Gift shop—Stationery Store
- ☐ d. Drugstore
- ☐ e. From a friend (or enemy)
- ☐ f. Other _____ fill in

(Q2) Did your parents buy it for you or did you buy it yourself? Check one.

- ☐ a. I bought it
- ☐ b. Mother or father bought it
- ☐ c. Other _____ fill in

(Q3) How many comics do you buy a month? (please circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 more

(Q4) What did you do with your free time last week? — **How many hours?**

- ☐ watch tv _____
- ☐ read a magazine _____
- ☐ listen to records _____
- ☐ read a book _____
- ☐ go to a movie _____
- ☐ read a comic mag _____
- ☐ play sports _____
- ☐ my hobby is _____ fill in

(Q5) How interested are you in reading about: For each subject check one.

	1. I'm very interested	2. Fairly interested	3. I am not interested
a. Pollution	☐	☐	☐
b. Black People	☐	☐	☐
c. Space Flights	☐	☐	☐
d. National Problems	☐	☐	☐
e. City Problems	☐	☐	☐
f. Sports which one	☐	☐	☐
g. Hobbies	☐	☐	☐
h. Romance	☐	☐	☐
i. Astrology	☐	☐	☐

(Q6) What is your favorite kind of comic mag? Check only one.

- ☐ Superhero type
- ☐ Romance type
- ☐ War type
- ☐ Mystery type
- ☐ Humor type

(Q7) How would you like to get your comics? Check one.

- ☐ a. In an assorted pack by mail each month from us at a special price
- ☐ b. Same way I get them now

(Q8) What are your two favorites at breakfast? Check only two (2)

- ☐ a. hot cereal
- ☐ b. breakfast drink
- ☐ c. cold cereal
- ☐ d. other _____ fill in

(Q9) What two kinds of records do you like most? Check only two (2)

- ☐ a. rock
- ☐ b. country music
- ☐ c. Bubble gum music
- ☐ d. folk
- ☐ e. soul

(Q10) When do you like to watch TV most? Check only one.

- ☐ a. After school
- ☐ b. Saturday morning
- ☐ c. Sunday
- ☐ d. Night time

(Q11) What TV programs do you like to watch best? Check one.

- ☐ a. cartoons
- ☐ b. adventure shows
- ☐ c. movies
- ☐ d. sports

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YOU CAN WIN

THE PORTABLE COLOR TV SET
OR
ONE OF 35 BIG NAME BICYCLES
OR
ONE OF 45 RECORD PLAYERS
OR
ONE OF 69 TRANSISTOR RADIOS

No purchase is necessary to be eligible for this drawing. Anyone can send in the answers to these questions—simply copy all the questions and mark your answers as indicated and you qualify for the gift drawing. Only one entry per person please. Winners will be notified by mail on or about 30 September 1970.

Only those entries postmarked on or before 15 Sept. 1970 will be eligible for this drawing. This drawing is void in those states where prohibited by law. NPP employees or their families are not eligible.

(Q12) My favorite TV show is

_____

(Q13) Have comics ever helped you in school?

☐ Yes
☐ No

(Q14) What do you think of the ads in the comic mags? Check one.

☐ a. I like to read them most of the time
☐ b. I don't read them.

(Q15) Do you buy things advertised in comics?

☐ Yes
☐ No

(Q16) Comics have helped me in: check one.

☐ a. english and spelling
☐ b. reading
☐ c. science
☐ d. history or current events

(Q17) What kinds of sports equipment do you own?

☐ baseball
☐ football
☐ camping
☐ basketball
☐ hunting
☐ ice skating
☐ fishing
☐ bicycling

Q(18) I am ____ years old.

Q(19) I am a boy ☐ girl ☐

(Q20) How much spending money do you have each week?

$_____

(Q21) How much did you spend last week on...

a. records $_____ e. comics $_____
b. magazines $_____ f. candy $_____
c. movies $_____ g. toys $_____
d. sports $_____ h. hobbies $_____

(Q22) I think the best name for a new comic book character is...

_____ fill in

Q(23) I think a great name for a new comic is...

_____ fill in

Q(24) My name is

_____
first last

(Q25) My address is

street _____

city _____

state _____ zip code _____

Here's your chance to do your THING!!! Answer these questions —and you will be counted!! This is a PRIVATE CENSUS. Send in your answers today. Cut on the dotted line! Fold it! Send it to...

NATIONAL COMICS
P.O. BOX 393
WALL ST. STATION
NEW YORK CITY 10005

SUPERMAN
FROM ACTION NO. 274, MARCH, 1961.
PUFF!~ I...I FORGOT THAT I POSSESS ONLY ORDINARY STRENGTH NOW, AND THAT ALL MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO YOU, LOIS!
JUST RELAX AND TAKE IT EASY, UNSUPERMAN! LET SUPERWOMAN HANDLE ALL THE EMERGENCIES FROM NOW ON!
THE POOR DEAR! WHAT A CRUSHING BLOW TO HIS PRIDE, NOW THAT HE'S JUST AN ORDINARY MAN!
EGU-139

HAVE YOU EVER FELT SORRY FOR LOIS LANE BECAUSE **SUPERMAN**, THE MIGHTY MAN SHE LOVES, WON'T MARRY HER FOR FEAR HIS ENEMIES WOULD SEEK TO HURT HIM BY HARMING HIS BRIDE? A HOPELESS SITUATION, ISN'T IT? BUT WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT IF THE SITUATION WERE **REVERSED**, AND IT WAS **LOIS** WHO HAD THE SUPER-POWERS?! A UNIQUE TWIST, ISN'T IT, AND IT FORMS THE BASIS FOR ONE OF THE MOST INTRIGUING **SUPERMAN** STORIES OF ALL TIME, WITH A SHOCK ENDING YOU'LL BE TALKING ABOUT FOR MONTHS! IT'S THE ASTOUNDING, SURPRISE-A-SECOND TALE OF...

The REVERSED SUPER-POWERS!

ONE AFTERNOON, IN THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY PLANET IN METROPOLIS, EDITOR PERRY WHITE GIVES REPORTER LOIS LANE A NEW ASSIGNMENT...
LOIS, SUPERMAN HAS JUST TOLD ME HE MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF DISCOVERING AN ANTIDOTE FOR KRYPTONITE. HE HAS AGREED TO LET YOU GET THE EXCLUSIVE STORY!
IF YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST KRYPTONITE, IT WILL BE THE SCOOP OF THE YEAR!
WELL, WE'LL FIND OUT AS SOON AS WE MAKE THE EXPERIMENT AT MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!
SOON, EN ROUTE TO THE ARCTIC...
AT THE SPEED WE'RE GOING, LOIS, WE'LL REACH MY FORTRESS IN MOMENTS! MY CAPE WILL INSULATE YOU AGAINST ZERO TEMPERATURES!
PRESENTLY, IN THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
KRYPTONITE IS THE ONLY SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN DESTROY MY OTHERWISE INVULNERABLE BODY! I'VE FAILED IN PAST ATTEMPTS TO CREATE A KRYPTONITE ANTIDOTE, BUT PERHAPS THIS TIME I'LL SUCCEED! FIRST STEP IS FOR EACH OF US TO PUT ON ONE OF THESE HELMETS!
WILL DO!
SHORTLY...
PERHAPS OUR COMBINED MIND-POWER CAN ACCOMPLISH THE DESIRED RESULTS! CONCENTRATE HARD, LOIS! MENTALLY VISUALIZE THE EXPERIMENT SUCCEEDING!
SUCCEEDING... SUCCEEDING...
SUDDENLY, FROM WITHIN THE LEAD CHAMBER WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT SUPERMAN FROM THE RADIATIONS OF THE KRYPTONITE USED IN THE EXPERIMENT...
OWWW!
BOOM
AN EXPLOSION! SOMETHING WENT WRONG!... GASP!... WHAT'S HAPPENED... DID I HEAR SUPERMAN EXCLAIMING IN PAIN?

SUPERMAN, YOU CRIED OUT IN AGONY! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU CAN'T FEEL PAIN! YOU'RE... INVULNERABLE!
GASP! BUT I DO FEEL PAIN! TERRIBLY! ...GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S NOT ALL!
PUFF!...I...I CAN HARDLY BUDGE THIS HEAVY EQUIPMENT! I'VE LOST MY SUPER-STRENGTH!... HELP ME!!
OH, NO!
WITH LOIS' AID THE MAN OF STEEL GETS FREE...
I'M...WEAK!--ROBBED OF MY SUPER-POWERS! ...WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU WERE EXPERIMENTING WITH UNKNOWN CHEMICALS! THAT BLAST MUST HAVE BLENDED THE CHEMICALS WITH THE KRYPTONITE...
...IN A WAY THAT HAS CAUSED YOU TO LOSE YOUR POWERS, AND BECOME VULNERABLE TO HARM!
BUT ARE ALL OF MY POWERS GONE? I--I'LL FIND OUT...!
SOON, AFTER SOME UNSUCCESSFUL TESTS...
IT'S NO USE! I HAVE NO X-RAY VISION! NO SUPER-BREATH! MY EVERY SUPER-POWER IS GONE! ...I'M JUST AN AVERAGE ORDINARY MAN NOW! MY CAREER AS SUPERMAN IS... ENDED!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IF ONLY THERE WERE SOMETHING YOU COULD DO TO...
THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN DO, LOIS...I AM FREE, AT LAST, TO MARRY YOU!

FOR YEARS I'VE PUT OFF MARRYING YOU IN FEAR THAT MY ENEMIES WOULD AVENGE THEMSELVES AGAINST ME BY HARMING MY BRIDE! BUT NOW THAT MY CRUSADING CAREER IS ENDED...
...CRIMINALS WILL SOON FORGET ME! WE CAN BE MARRIED AT ONCE... DEAR...
AT LAST! SUPERMAN IS PROPOSING MARRIAGE! THIS IS WHAT I'VE WANTED TO HEAR FOR YEARS, AND YEARS, AND YEARS...
BUT THEN LOIS HESITATES...UNEXPECTEDLY...
WAIT! I...I MUSTN'T ACCEPT SO QUICKLY! WILL I REMAIN IN LOVE WITH A SUPERMAN WHO HAS NO MIGHTY POWERS? I...I DON'T KNOW...!
SUPERMAN, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU IS SO SHOCKING, I--I NEED TIME TO THINK! WE MUSTN'T RUSH INTO A HASTY MARRIAGE WE MIGHT BOTH REGRET LATER...
I UNDERSTAND...
AT THE MAN OF STEEL'S COMMAND, A SUPERMAN ROBOT CARRIES THEM RAPIDLY BACK TO METROPOLIS, PROTECTED BY WEATHER-PROOF BLANKETS...
POOR SUPERMAN! NOW HE NEEDS PROTECTION FROM THE COLD, TOO!
AFTER THE ROBOT DEPOSITS THEM BEFORE THE PLANET BUILDING AND STREAKS OFF, UNSEEN...
SINCE WHEN DO YOU HAVE TO USE AN ELEVATOR TO GO UP, SUPERMAN? SCARED OF HEIGHTS? HA, HA!
THE TOP FLOOR, AND NO CORNY JOKES, PLEASE!

PRESENTLY...
I WON'T PRINT ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR LOSS OF SUPER-POWERS, SUPERMAN! IF CRIMINALS LEARNED ABOUT IT, THERE'D BE NO HOLDING THEM BACK!
THANKS, LOIS! I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS!
DAILY PLANET

GOOD-BYE, LOIS! I-I HOPE YOU'LL DECIDE TO MARRY ME...
HOW SUPERMAN HAS CHANGED! HE NO LONGER SEEMS SURE OF HIMSELF!

THE NEXT MORNING, AS LOIS AWAKENS AND PREPARES TO WASH HERSELF...
¿GASP!? TH-THE FAUCET HANDLE TWISTED IN MY HANDS...L-LIKE SOFT PUTTY!

GOOD HEAVENS! I HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH, J-JUST LIKE SUPERMAN DID! INCREDIBLE! I...I'LL MAKE SOME TESTS AND SEE IF I POSSESS OTHER SUPER-POWERS, TOO!
NEWS BULLETIN! HURRICANE ELSA WILL NOT REACH METROPOLIS, AFTER ALL!

HURRYING TO A WINDOW, LOIS GLANCES OUT, AND TO HER AMAZEMENT...
GOODBYE, DARLING!
¿GULP!? I CAN SEE A WOMAN...FAR AWAY...SPEAKING TO HER HUSBAND AS HE DRIVES OFF TO WORK! AND I CAN HEAR WHAT SHE SAYS!... I'VE GOT TELESCOPIC VISION AND SUPER-HEARING!!!

ENTERING HER KITCHENETTE, LOIS CONDUCTS ANOTHER EXPERIMENT...
!!...THE REFRIGERATOR FEELS LIGHT AS A FEATHER, AND THOUGH MY INFRA-RED VISION MAKES IT GLOW RED-HOT, IT DOESN'T EVEN SINGE MY FINGERS! AS I SUSPECTED, I'M INVULNERABLE...
A FINAL EXPERIMENT...
WHEEE! I CAN FLY! LIKE A BIRD! THIS IS FUN!
SWIFTLY, LOIS DONS THE COSTUME SUPERMAN HAD ONCE GIVEN HER AS A GIFT *...
THE CHEMICALLY-TREATED FABRIC OF THIS SUIT ISN'T AS IMPERVIOUS AS SUPERMAN'S COSTUME, BUT IT'S FRICTION-PROOF AND FIRE-PROOF!
*EDITOR'S NOTE:—SEE LOIS LANE MAGAZINE, MAY, 1960 ISSUE.
PRESENTLY, AS LOIS' TELESCOPIC VISION LOCATES THE MAN OF STEEL IN METROPOLIS PARK...
GREAT SCOTT, LOIS! YOU'RE...A SUPERWOMAN! YOU CAN FLY...!
AND I'VE GOT ALL THE OTHER SUPER-POWERS YOU ONCE HAD, TOO!
SOMEHOW, THE EXPLOSION THAT DEPRIVED ME OF MY SUPER-POWERS MUST HAVE TRANSFERRED THEM TO YOU!
UH-OH! THOSE POWERFUL WINDS! MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS HURRICANE ELSA HAS UNEXPECTEDLY CHANGED ITS COURSE AND IS MOVING INLAND!
EXCUSE ME, SUPERMAN, BUT I MUST ACT PROMPTLY TO SAVE METROPOLIS FROM THE FULL FORCE OF THE HURRICANE!
HOW ODD FOR ME TO STAND HELPLESSLY BY WHILE YOU STREAK OFF TO HANDLE AN EMERGENCY!

SUPER-SWIFTLY, LOIS CONSTRUCTS A TRANSPARENT DOME OF THICK, SHATTER-PROOF GLASS THAT PROTECTS THE CITY FROM THE HURRICANE'S VIOLENCE...
THE GREAT WINDS ARE GLANCING HARMLESSLY OFF THE DOME... AND THE HIGH TIDES CAN'T FLOOD THE CITY! MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS PEOPLE IN THE CITY FAR BELOW ME MISTAKING ME FOR SUPERMAN!
THANK GOODNESS THERE'S A SUPERMAN TO PROTECT US! HE'S PREVENTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF DAMAGE!

AS THE HURRICANE VEERS OUT TO SEA ONCE MORE, SUPERWOMAN TOSSES THE DOME INTO THE SKY, THEN...
THERE! I'VE PULVERIZED IT TO DUST! NOW TO REJOIN SUPERMAN IN THE PARK!

SOON...
ER... NICE WORK, LOIS! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER MYSELF... ONCE...
HE ISN'T USED TO HAVING SOMEONE ELSE PERFORM THE SUPER-RESCUES! POOR SUPERMAN! HIS PRIDE IS HURT! I... PITY HIM...

NEXT DAY, AS LOIS (SUPERWOMAN) LANE WORKS AT THE DAILY PLANET, SHE UNWITTINGLY FOLLOWS THE SAME DUAL-PERSONALITY ROUTINE USED BY CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT...
MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS A DISTANT TRAIN'S DISTRESS SIGNALS!

CHECKING UP WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION, LOIS DISCOVERS...
A BUS IS STALLED ON THE TRACKS AT A RAILROAD-CROSSING! ESCAPE DOORS HAVE BEEN JAMMED SHUT BY PANICKING PASSENGERS, AND THE TRAIN CAN'T STOP IN TIME!
SCHOOL BUS
RIVERDELL SCHOOL

SWIFTLY, SHE ACTS...

HEY! WHY THE RUSH? SOMETHING WRONG, LOIS?

I'M EXHAUSTED FROM WORKING SO LATE LAST NIGHT, JIMMY! I'M GOING INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM TO RELAX AWHILE!

BUT INSTEAD, LOIS SLIPS INTO AN EMPTY STOCK ROOM AND, REMOVING HER CONCEALED SUPER-COMPRESSED COLORFUL COSTUME FROM A COMPACT IN HER PURSE, SWITCHES TO HER SECRET IDENTITY...

THIS IS A JOB FOR...SUPER-WOMAN!

OFF SHE FLASHES TO THE DISTANT RAILROAD CROSSING, WHISKING THE BUS TO SAFETY...!

I'M MOVING SWIFTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW! NOW TO UNJAM THE STUCK DOORS AND FLASH BACK TO THE **PLANET,** STILL UNSEEN!

SCHOOL BUS

RIVERDELL SCHOOL

A FEW DAYS LATER, AS LOIS MEETS WITH **SUPERMAN**...

I CAN'T STAND THE SUSPENSE ANY LONGER, LOIS! TELL ME **NOW!** WILL YOU MARRY ME, OR WON'T YOU?!!

HMM...FOR YEARS **SUPERMAN** HAS LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT IF HE MARRIED ME MY LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER FROM HIS ENEMIES! WELL, HERE'S WHERE HE GETS SOME OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!

SORRY, SUPERMAN! BUT IF YOU WERE TO MARRY ME, YOUR LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER FROM MY ENEMIES!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

"I CAN IMAGINE A TYPICAL DAY IN OUR LIVES, IF WE GOT MARRIED, SUPERMAN! I CAN JUST SEE US IN OUR LIVING ROOM, WHEN..."
KRASH!
A BOMB! DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, DARLING! I'LL SMOTHER IT!

"OF COURSE, I'D SHIELD YOU FROM THE EXPLOSION WITH MY INVULNERABLE BODY, BUT..."
READ ALOUD THE NOTE THAT WAS ATTACHED TO THE ROCK!
"DON'T INTERFERE, SUPERWOMAN, OR NEXT TIME WE'LL KILL YOUR HUSBAND! ? SIGNED: THE METROPOLIS MOB"!
BOOM!

NOW I ASK YOU... WOULD YOU BE HAPPY MARRIED TO A SUPERWOMAN WHO HAD TO CONSTANTLY PROTECT YOUR LIFE FROM HER FOES?
LOIS--STOP THE CAR! THE ROAD IS BLOCKED BY SOME FALLEN BOULDERS!

SHORTLY, AS THE MAN OF STEEL VAINLY ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR THE ROAD, LOIS CHANGES INTO HER DYNAMIC IDENTITY, AND THEN...
OH! I ABSENT-MINDEDLY FORGOT ABOUT HAVING LOST MY SUPER-POWERS!
RELAX! I'LL HANDLE THIS!

MOMENTS LATER, AS SHE COMPLETES HER AMAZING TASK..
THANKS, LOIS--UH...IT'S HUMILIATING TO HAVE YOU PERFORMING SUPER-FEATS INSTEAD OF ME...
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, SUPERMAN...

...YOU REALIZE YOU COULD NEVER BE HAPPY MARRIED TO ME NOW THAT I HAVE SUPER-POWERS AND YOU DON'T!... WELL, I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL. I PERMIT YOU TO WITHDRAW YOUR PROPOSAL!
WELL, AT LEAST WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!

LATER, AT HER APARTMENT, LOIS SADLY PACKS AWAY HER SUPERMAN TROPHIES...
I MUST PUT HIM OUT OF MY HEART FOREVER! IF I MARRIED SUPERMAN NOW, IT WOULD ONLY BE BECAUSE OF PITY! MARRIAGE WOULD BRING UNHAPPINESS TO BOTH OF US!

SIGH!... HE'LL BE BETTER OFF MARRYING AN UNSUPER GIRL LIKE... LANA LANG...!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE DAILY PLANET...
LOIS, I'M GOING AWAY SO YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN. AT LEAST, KISS ME GOODBYE!... CHOKE!...
WELL, I CAN'T REFUSE YOU A FAREWELL KISS!

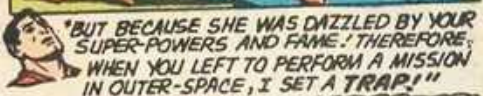
BUT AS THEIR LIPS MEET...
OH-HHHHH...
OH, NO! THE ONCE-MIGHTY SUPERMAN IS COLLAPSING FROM A MERE KISS! AND TO THINK HE USED TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN ON EARTH...!

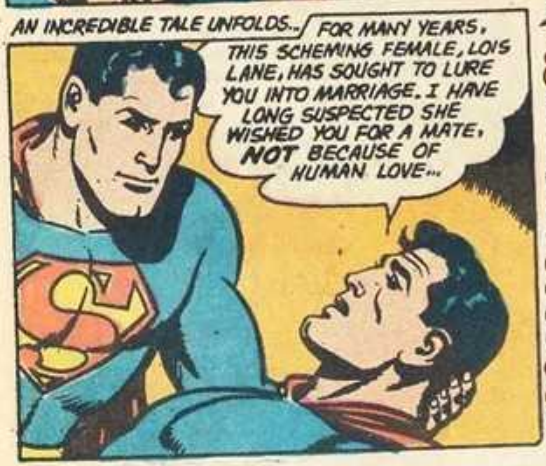
A MOMENT LATER, LOIS DISCOVERS TO HER HORROR...
HE'S... UNCONSCIOUS! I'LL FLY HIM TO HIS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE! THERE MAY BE A SERUM THERE WHICH CAN SAVE HIS LIFE!

HOWEVER, AS SHE ATTEMPTS TO LIFT HIM...
GASP! HE'S... TOO HEAVY! I CAN'T BUDGE HIM-- GULP! --I'VE ... LOST MY SUPER-POWERS!
I'LL TAKE OVER, LOIS!

ANOTHER SUPERMAN!! IMPOSSIBLE!... WAIT! ONE OF YOU MUST BE A SUPERMAN ROBOT!... WHICH ONE?!!
I'M THE REAL SUPERMAN, JUST RETURNED FROM AN OUTER-SPACE MISSION!

AS THE GENUINE SUPERMAN STUDIES THE FALLEN FORM... SUPERMAN ROBOT I.!!...
WHY ARE YOU MASQUERADING AS ME? AND WHY DID YOU DISOBEY MY ORDERS AND LEAVE THE FORTRESS?
MY BATTERY IS RUNNING DOWN... I... I AM DYING... I'LL CONFESS ALL QUICKLY, MASTER...


"BUT BECAUSE SHE WAS DAZZLED BY YOUR SUPER-POWERS AND FAME! THEREFORE, WHEN YOU LEFT TO PERFORM A MISSION IN OUTER-SPACE, I SET A TRAP!"


AN INCREDIBLE TALE UNFOLDS... FOR MANY YEARS, THIS SCHEMING FEMALE, LOIS LANE, HAS SOUGHT TO LURE YOU INTO MARRIAGE. I HAVE LONG SUSPECTED SHE WISHED YOU FOR A MATE, NOT BECAUSE OF HUMAN LOVE...

THE WOMAN DOES NOT KNOW I AM A ROBOT, AND THAT SHE IS HERE FOR AN UNSUSPECTED PURPOSE!

"I **PRETENDED** TO LOSE MY SUPER-POWERS! THE **REAL** REASON FOR THE EXPERIMENT WAS NOT TO DISCOVER A **KRYPTONITE** ANTIDOTE, BUT..."

MY INVENTION HAS TRANSMITTED TEMPORARY SUPER-POWERS TO HER! TOMORROW, SHE WILL BECOME A **SUPERWOMAN!**

WEAKLY, **ROBOT Z** CONCLUDES HIS CONFESSION MOMENTS BEFORE HIS BATTERY EXPIRES...

LOIS LANE IS UNWORTHY OF YOU, MASTER! WHEN **SHE** POSSESSED SUPER-POWERS AND BELIEVED **YOU** DID NOT, THIS WOMAN REFUSED TO MARRY YOU!... }GASP!{... **WHRRR-RRRR...**

STUNNED, LOIS' HEART SINKS...

}GASP!{ I FELL RIGHT INTO THAT CUNNING ROBOT'S TRAP! NOW **SUPERMAN** WILL ALWAYS THINK I LOVE HIM FOR HIS FAME AND POWERS, AND NOT FOR HIMSELF!

I'LL REPAIR **ROBOT Z** AT MY FORTRESS...AND THIS TIME I'LL MAKE CERTAIN HE FOLLOWS ORDERS BETTER AND DOESN'T INTERFERE AGAIN WITH MY PRIVATE LIFE!

SUPERMAN! I...I...

DON'T FEEL BADLY, LOIS! UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT EXISTED WHEN YOU TURNED "ME" DOWN, YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION! A MARRIAGE BETWEEN A **SUPERWOMAN LOIS** AND AN UNSUPER **SUPERMAN** WOULD ONLY HAVE TURNED OUT UNHAPPILY!

SO LET'S FORGET IT EVER HAPPENED! AND I'LL SEE YOU WHEN I RETURN FROM THE FORTRESS!

HOW UNDERSTANDING **SUPERMAN** IS! I LOVE HIM MORE THAN EVER! PERHAPS WE **WILL** BE MARRIED SOME DAY! HE'S... **WONDERFUL!**

THE END

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The Girl who DESTROYED ATLANTIS!

GASP! WHAT A SWITCH! HERE, IN ANCIENT ATLANTIS, THE MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE LUTHOR IS PROTECTING ME FROM A MAN WHO RESEMBLES CLARK KENT!

Schaffenberger

FROM LOIS LANE NO. 42, JULY, 1963.

ONE DAY, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE EMBARKS ON A STRANGE ASSIGNMENT...

HI, LORI! I'M READY FOR OUR DATE!

DIVE IN, LOIS! I'M GLAD YOU'VE GOT YOUR WATER-PROOF CAMERA ALONG! I CAN PROMISE YOU SOME EXCITING PICTURES!

LORI, THE MERMAID, AGREED TO GUIDE ME THROUGH THE SUNKEN CITY OF ATLANTIS! IT SHOULD BE A GREAT STORY!

AS LOIS IS ESCORTED THROUGH ATLANTIS...

...AND THIS IS THE HALL OF ANCIENT INVENTIONS! ARE YOU RECEIVING MY TELEPATHIC THOUGHTS, LOIS!

YES, LORI! AND I KNOW YOU CAN READ MY THOUGHTS, TOO! DON'T FORGET, I CAN READ AND SPEAK ATLANTEAN EVER SINCE MY LAST VISIT TO YOUR CITY!

AS LOIS GAZES AT THE WONDERS OF LEGENDARY ATLANTIS...
THIS IS A GLOW-CORAL, INVENTED BY MY ANCESTORS! EVERY CREATURE THAT PASSES BEFORE IT BECOMES TRANSPARENT!
AMAZING! IT'S JUST LIKE OUR MODERN X-RAYS!
CLICK!
AND THIS IS A COPY OF A GIANT CLOTH-FLOWER DEVELOPED BY OUR SCIENTISTS BEFORE ATLANTIS SANK! WATCH OUT FOR THE THORNS! THEY'RE RAZOR-SHARP!
FANTASTIC! THAT PLANT GROWS CLOTH JUST LIKE OUR COTTON PLANTS GROW COTTON FIBER!
CLICK!
THEN... THIS TIME-TRAVEL BELT WAS HANDED DOWN BY OUR FOREFATHERS! UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE KNOWS HOW TO ACTIVATE IT!
HOW THRILLING! LORI, YOU MUST TAKE A PICTURE OF ME WEARING IT! IT WILL BE A GREAT ILLUSTRATION FOR MY ARTICLE!
AS LORI SNAPS THE PICTURE...
GET A GOOD SHOT OF THAT BELT, LORI! I'VE GOT IT SET FOR 10,000 B.C., WHEN ATLANTIS WAS STILL ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE SEA!
HOLD STILL! THERE! I'VE GOT IT!
CLICK!
BUT THE FLASH LAMP STARTLES SOME FISH, AND...
GULP! MY FLASH FRIGHTENED THOSE ELECTRIC EELS AND THEY DISCHARGED THEIR ELECTRICITY AT LOIS! GASP! SHE'S VANISHING BEFORE MY VERY EYES!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! I SEEM TO BE HURTLING BACKWARD... BACK INTO TIME...!
A SEEMING INSTANT LATER, LOIS FINDS HERSELF IN WEIRD SURROUNDINGS...
GOOD GRIEF! THOSE EELS ACTIVATED THE TIME-TRAVEL BELT AND TRANSPORTED ME BACK TO THE DAYS OF ANCIENT ATLANTIS... BEFORE IT SANK INTO THE SEA!
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WHAT A BREAK! A VISIT TO ANCIENT ATLANTIS COULD BE A RARE SCOOP! BUT I CAN'T WALK AROUND IN THIS SWIM-SUIT! I'LL JUST USE THESE RAZOR-SHARP THORNS TO CUT MYSELF AN ATLANTEAN ROBE OUT OF THESE CLOTH FLOWERS AND HIDE MY EQUIPMENT HERE!

DRESSED LIKE AN ATLANTEAN, LOIS ENTERS THE CITY...
HURRY! KLAR-KAN IS ABOUT TO SPEAK! WE DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!
HMM... I WONDER WHAT'S UP? LUCKILY, I CAN SPEAK ATLANTEAN!

AS LOIS LISTENS TO THE SPEAKER...
FELLOW ATLANTEANS! ROH-TUL MUST BE DEFEATED IN NEXT WEEK'S ELECTION! IF HE BECOMES OUR PRESIDOR AGAIN, HE WILL APPOINT HIMSELF DICTATOR FOR LIFE!
STRANGE HOW THIS SPEAKER RESEMBLES CLARK KENT! BUT HE HAS A MUCH MORE DYNAMIC PERSONALITY!

ROH-TUL POSES AS YOUR BENEFACTOR! HE CARVES HIS IMAGE EVERYWHERE! BUT THE TELEPATHS AMONG US SAY ROH-TUL IS PERFECTING A SECRET WEAPON TO DESTROY ATLANTIS UNLESS WE MAKE HIM DICTATOR!
THEY NOW HAVE SOME TELEPATHS, BUT THE ATLANTEANS OF THE FUTURE WILL ALL HAVE TELEPATHY!

SUDDENLY...
TRAITORS! HOW DARE YOU ATTACK THE NOBLE ROH-TUL? DISPERSE AT ONCE!
ROH-TUL'S SOLDIERS! RUN!
OH, OH! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!

BUT ROUGH HANDS SEIZE LOIS, AND...
BULLIES! GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME! I WASN'T ATTACKING ANYONE! I'M NOT EVEN AN ATLANTEAN! I COME FROM THE FUTURE, AND...
A LIKELY STORY! TAKE HER TO THE PRESIDOR'S PALACE! WE'LL LET ROH-TUL DECIDE HER FATE!

AT THE PALACE, LOIS GETS ANOTHER SHOCK...
SO YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THE AGITATORS ? WE'LL SEE, MY PRETTY ONE ! GIVE HER THE GLOW-TEST, MEN !
GULP! THAT ROH-TUL... HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE LUTHOR! CHOKE! IF I'M FOUND GUILTY, HE'LL SHOW ME NO MERCY !

AS LOIS' HAND IS CLAMPED IN A STRANGE DEVICE...
MY FINGERTIPS!! THAT RAY IS MAKING THEM GLOW WITH A STRANGE BLUE LIGHT! WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?
IT PROVES YOUR INNOCENCE! ALL KNOWN TROUBLE-MAKERS HAVE HAD THEIR FINGERS CHEMICALLY TREATED TO MAKE THEM GLOW RED UNDER THIS RAY! THAT'S HOW WE IDENTIFY THEM !

AS ROH-TUL DISMISSES THE SOLDIERS...
I KNEW YOU WERE INNOCENT! AS A TELEPATH, I READ YOUR THOUGHTS AND DISCOVERED YOUR NAME IS LOIS LANE AND YOU CAME FROM THE FUTURE BY MEANS OF A TIME-TRAVEL BELT! MAY I SEE IT ?
OF COURSE!
WHEW! I THOUGHT I WAS IN A REAL JAM, BUT I'M IN THE CLEAR NOW !

AFTER A BRIEF EXAMINATION OF THE BELT...
HMM... IT SEEMS TO BE DAMAGED BY WATER ! LEAVE IT IN MY LABORATORY ! I WILL REPAIR IT !
THANK YOU !
HE MAY RESEMBLE LUTHOR, BUT HE'S SO CHARMING AND GALLANT !

SOON, IN THE PALACE COURTYARD...
AS A VISITOR, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR CIVILIZATION ! STEP INTO THE ANTI-GRAVITY CAR, MY DEAR! I'LL BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS I GIVE SOME ORDERS TO MY MEN !
AN ANTI-GRAVITY CAR ! GASP !

WITH ROH-TUL AS GUIDE, LOIS VIEWS THE WONDERS OF ATLANTIS...
THEN THERE IS THIS WEATHER CONTROL TOWER I INVENTED! ITS BEAM FORMS CLOUDS DIRECTLY OVER THE FIELDS THAT NEED WATERING !
FANTASTIC !
HE HAS LUTHOR'S GENIUS, BUT USES IT FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY! WHAT A TWIST!

AND THERE IS MY CONTRIBUTION TO OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM--MOVING SIDEWALKS!
ROH-TUL IS CENTURIES AHEAD OF THE SCIENTISTS OF THE FUTURE!
SUDDENLY...
LONG LIVE ROH-TUL!
CHOKE! MY PEOPLE... CHEERING ME!
IT'S NO WONDER! AFTER ALL THE THINGS YOU'RE DOING FOR THEM! IF ONLY YOU COULD EXPLAIN TO KLAR-KAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS! I'M SURE THEY'D UNDERSTAND!
BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
THAT MAN! HE'S HURLING SOMETHING UP AT US!
IT'S KLAR-KAN! HE'S THROWING AN ENERGY TORPEDO! GET BACK!
ROH-TUL'S FINGERS MOVE QUICKLY, AND...
DON'T WORRY, LOIS! I SET UP A FORCE FIELD WHICH WILL PROTECT US FROM THE BLAST! YOU'RE SAFE, MY DEAR!
EEEE!
BLAM!
MOMENTS LATER... KLAR-KAN ESCAPED!
DO YOU STILL THINK I CAN REASON WITH HIM? THAT FANATIC WAS READY TO KILL YOU IN ORDER TO ASSASSINATE ME!
HOW CAN I THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE?
HOW IRONIC! A MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE CLARK KENT TRIES TO KILL ME BUT I'M SAVED BY A MAN WHO RESEMBLES LUTHOR!
LATER, AT THE PALACE...
LOIS, MY DEAR, I SHUDDER TO THINK OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED! YOU'VE COME TO MEAN SO MUCH TO ME!
HE'S SO COURAGEOUS AND GALLANT!? SIGH! I'M DRAWN TO HIM STRANGELY!

INSIDE THE PALACE...
AND NOW, MY DEAR, YOU MUST EXCUSE ME! I MUST FINISH SOME WORK ON A NEW PROJECT!
THAT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF A SUPER-BOMB, ROH-TUL! CHUCKLE! COME TO THINK OF IT, KLAR-KAN SAID YOU WERE DEVELOPING A WEAPON TO DESTROY ATLANTIS!

LOIS, HOW CAN YOU JEST LIKE THAT? THIS INVENTION OF MINE WOULD BENEFIT EVERYONE IN ATLANTIS!
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU!
HOW STUPID OF ME TO OFFEND HIM! HE'S SUCH A NOBLE HUMANITARIAN!

SOON, AS LOIS EXPLORES THE PALACE...
HMMM! SEEMS TO BE A MONITOR SCREEN! I'LL JUST PRESS THESE BUTTONS!

AS THE SCREEN SPRINGS TO LIFE...
IT'S SOME KIND OF DUNGEON! KLAR-KAN AND HIS TROUBLE-MAKERS ARE IN THERE! THIS SCREEN IS SUPPOSED TO MONITOR THEM! I'LL LISTEN IN!

AS LOIS EAVESDROPS...
WE CAN'T SIT IDLY BY WHILE ROH-TUL BECOMES DICTATOR! TORR, THE DESIGN FOR THE MOVING SIDEWALK WAS YOURS, YET ROH-TUL TOOK CREDIT FOR IT!
AND IT WAS I WHO INVENTED THE WEATHER CONTROL TOWER! ROH-TUL STOLE MY INVENTION FROM ME, AS HE HAS DONE TO SO MANY OTHERS, SO HE COULD POSE AS THE PEOPLE'S BENEFACTOR!

WE MUST PREVENT THAT FRAUD FROM TAKING OVER AS DICTATOR! OUR FRIENDS ARE PLANTING A BOMB THAT WILL DESTROY HIM! WE MUST ESCAPE AND HELP THEM!
BUT HOW CAN WE ESCAPE, WHEN THIS SEA-CAVERN DUNGEON IS GUARDED BY A YARG, WHICH IS UNDER ROH-TUL'S TELEPATHIC CONTROL?

I'LL DECOY THE YARB AWAY! WHILE HE CHASES ME, YOU CAN ALL SWIM TO SAFETY AND AID THE REVOLT! GOOD-BYE, MY FRIENDS!
NO, KLAR-KAN! IT'S CERTAIN DEATH!

HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO SAVE HIS FRIENDS! I'M SO CONFUSED! IS IT TRUE THAT RON-TUL STOLE ALL THOSE INVENTIONS? AND HOW COULD KLAR-KAN BE IN A DUNGEON WHEN HE JUST TRIED TO ASSASSINATE RON-TUL A SHORT TIME AGO?
CLICK

BUT IN A CORNER OF THE PALACE, LOIS FINDS THE ANSWER... A RUBBER MASK RESEMBLING KLAR-KAN! HMM! THEN THAT ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION MUST HAVE BEEN A FAKE ORDERED BY RON-TUL TO FRAME KLAR-KAN! I REMEMBER HIS SPEAKING TO HIS HENCHMAN BEFORE WE TOURED ATLANTIS!

FRIGHTENED, LOIS TRIES TO ESCAPE FROM THE PALACE, BUT ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLES INTO RON-TUL'S LAB...
OH, RON-TUL, I... ER... CAME TO SEE YOU ABOUT MY TIME-TRAVEL BELT! IS IT FIXED YET?
I'M SORRY, LOIS, BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR! YOU'LL HAVE TO REMAIN HERE IN ATLANTIS FOR GOOD!

LOIS, REMAIN WITH ME! WE'LL BE MARRIED! AND WHEN I MAKE MYSELF DICTATOR OF ATLANTIS, YOU WILL RULE BY MY SIDE!
MARRY YOU? NEVER! I KNOW YOUR SECRET, YOU TYRANT! YOU'VE IMPRISONED THE FINEST SCIENTISTS IN ATLANTIS AND NOW YOU WANT TO ENSLAVE EVERYONE ELSE!

I CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND, MY DEAR! YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THIS DEVICE! IT IS A SUPER-BOMB! MARRY ME, OR I'LL BLOW UP ATLANTIS!
BAH! YOU'RE A FRAUD! IF THAT BOMB WERE REAL, IT WOULD DESTROY YOU, TOO! YOU'D NEVER DO THAT!

BUT TO LOIS' AMAZEMENT, RON-TUL TRIGGERS THE BOMB...
I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN LIVE WITHOUT YOU, LOIS! I'LL DESTROY ATLANTIS--AND US! I'LL PROVE THAT I LOVE YOU!
THAT BOMB... IT'S SMOKING! HE'S CARRYING OUT HIS THREAT! OH, IF SUPERMAN WERE ONLY HERE TO SAVE ME!
SSSSSSSS!
BUT THE NEXT INSTANT...
BARROOOM!
EEEYAH!
THEN, AS A MASSIVE UPHEAVAL RENDS ATLANTIS...
THE EARTH IS SINKING! THE SEA IS ENGULFING US! RUN! RUN!
IT'S A CATASTROPHE! IT WAS RON-TUL'S BOMB THAT CAUSED ATLANTIS TO SINK!
AS THE TIDAL WAVE STRIKES...
LOIS! I LIED ABOUT THAT TIME BELT! IT WORKS! PUT IT ON AND GRAB MY HAND SO YOU CAN TAKE ME ALONG INTO YOUR OWN TIME! I'M TRAPPED!
THE BELT! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE! I'LL TRY TO SAVE YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE!
BUT AS LOIS DONS THE BELT...
GLUB! THAT PIECE OF DEBRIS STRUCK THE CONTROLS! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! I FEEL MYSELF BEING HURLED FORWARD... FORWARD THROUGH TIME!

AN INSTANT LATER, LOIS EMERGES INTO THE PRESENT, DEEP BELOW THE SEA...

GLUB! LORI! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE! I CAN'T BREATHE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, LOIS! I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN! I PREPARED A DIVING MASK AND OXYGEN TANK FOR YOU!

AS LOIS RECOVERS, SHE RECOUNTS HER ADVENTURES...

...AND BECAUSE I REFUSED TO MARRY HIM, ROH-TUL DESTROYED ATLANTIS! CHOKE! SO YOU SEE, IT WAS I WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SINKING OF ATLANTIS!

DON'T FEEL GUILTY, LOIS! YOU ONLY KNOW PART OF THE STORY!

"ROH-TUL FOOLED YOU WITH A HARMLESS SMOKE GRENADE! BUT BY COINCIDENCE, KLAR-KAN'S FRIENDS HAD EXPLODED A BOMB UNDER THE PALACE IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE ROH-TUL! THE VIBRATIONS FROM THE EXPLOSION SET OFF ROH-TUL'S SECRET WEAPON! THAT'S WHAT DESTROYED ATLANTIS!"

THOUGH ROH-TUL'S PALACE WAS ENGULFED, OUR HISTORY SAYS THAT THE REST OF ATLANTIS SANK MORE SLOWLY, ENABLING OUR SCIENTISTS TO TURN ATLANTEANS INTO MERMEN AND MERMAIDS!

LATER, IN THE ATLANTEAN HALL OF HEROES...

AND THIS SHOULD PROVE MY STORY, LOIS! THIS IS A STATUE OF KLAR-KAN, OUR GREATEST HERO, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS BELOVED ATLANTIS... TO SAVE US FROM THE TYRANT, ROH-TUL!

CHOKE! HE WAS A GREAT HERO! I'M GLAD I WASN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARD!

KLAR-KAN

LATER, IN THE PLANET OFFICE, AS LOIS WRITES HER AMAZING STORY...

AND TO THINK THAT KLAR-KAN, ATLANTIS' GREATEST HERO RESEMBLES THAT MEEK MOUSE, CLARK KENT!

The END

POOR LOIS! IF SHE ONLY KNEW THAT CLARK KENT WAS REALLY SUPERMAN... THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL TIME!

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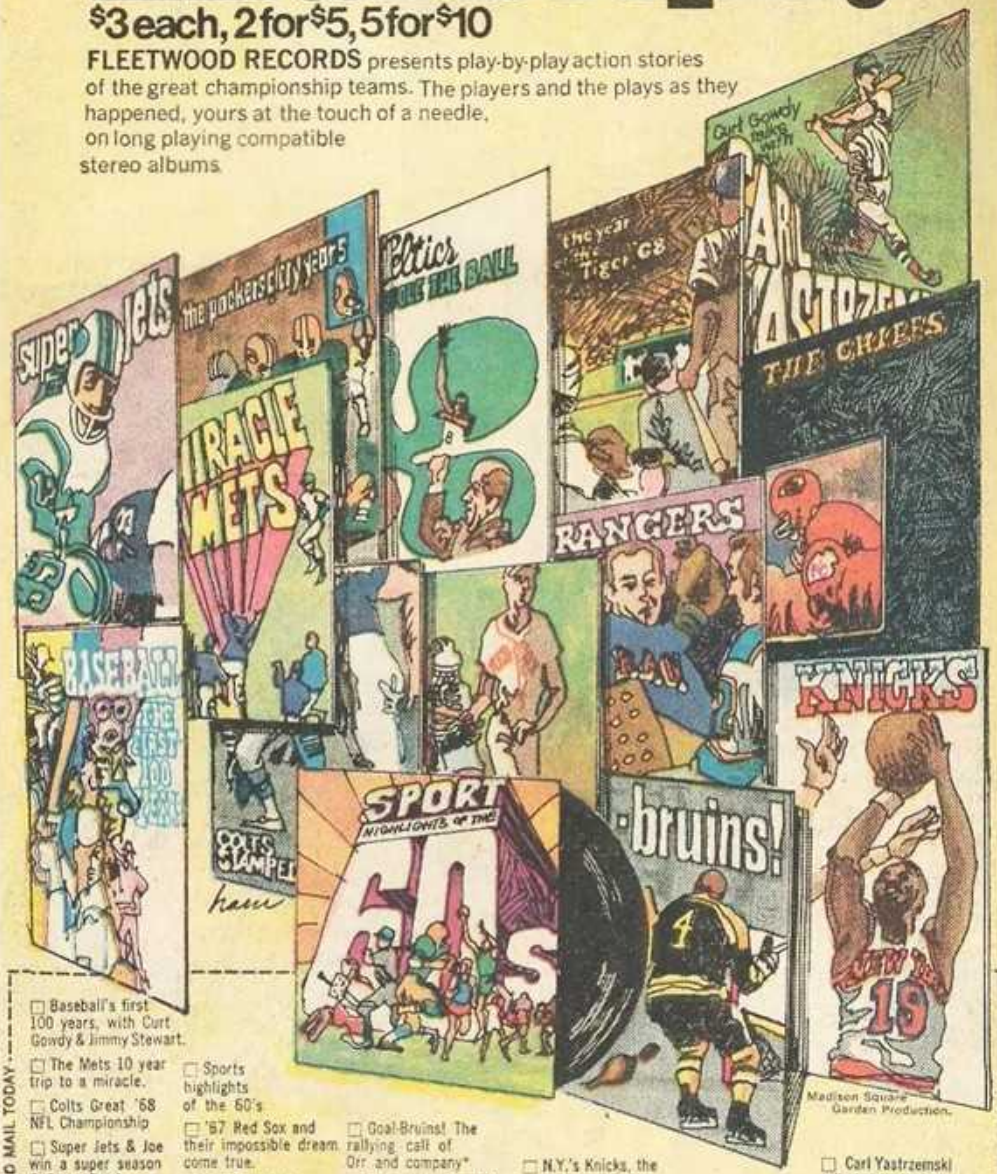

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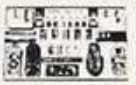
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